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Highlights:

*Early January - All Visible Planets
on Show in the Early Morning Sky*

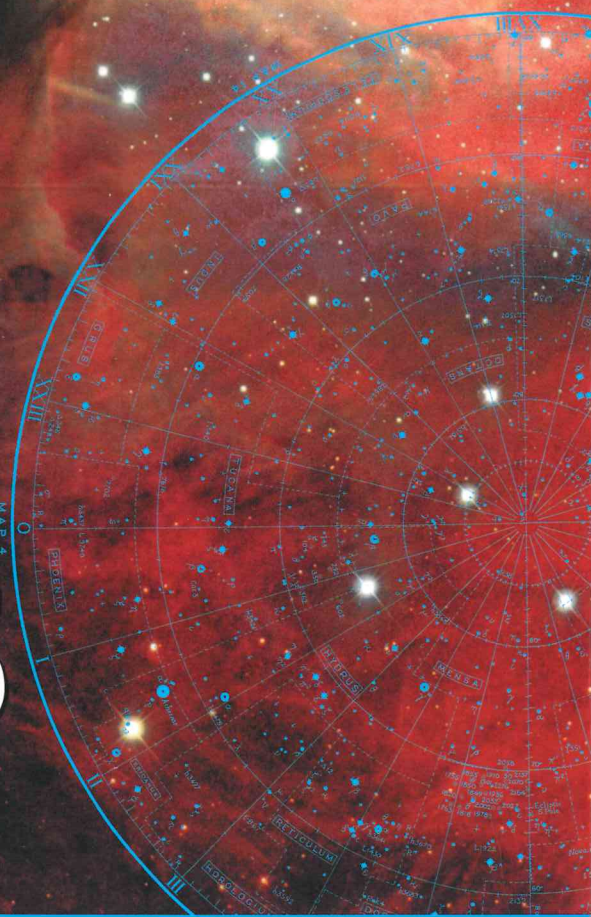
April 24 - Penumbral Eclipse of the Moon

August 8 - Venus Visible in Daytime

October 7 - Venus Visible in Daytime

October 17 - Partial Eclipse of the Moon

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New Moon

First Quarter

Full Moon

Last Quarter

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Front cover image: The Horsehead Nebula in Orion, is part of a large, dark, molecular cloud known as Barnard 33. The red glow originates from hydrogen gas predominantly behind the nebula, ionized by the nearby bright star Sigma Orionis. The dark patches are obscurations caused by thick dust. Bright spots are young stars just in the process of forming. Light takes about 1500 years to reach us from the Horsehead Nebula. Unfortunately, this object is rather faint and a large telescope is required in order to even image this nebula. © Canada-France-Hawaii Telescope / J.-C. Cuillandre / Coelum.

INTRODUCTION

Astronomy is one of those enduring fields of endeavour that captures the imagination and inspires us all. This year will probably be like so many others with astronomical discoveries continuing at their apparently relentless rate. Many of these discoveries will originate in our local neighbourhood in the Universe from the Cassini spacecraft as it orbits the magnificent ringed planet Saturn. Many discoveries await us not only concerning the planet itself, but also from the close flybys of its moons, and a descent into the atmosphere of the large moon Titan by the Huyghens probe.

This almanac is compiled and published by Perth Observatory, Australia's oldest continuously operating astronomical observatory, in order to assist the local community enjoy the night sky. It is designed to cater for a range of levels and interest - from the complete novice to the very keen amateur. In an effort to provide the best service to the community further improvements have been made to this year's Almanac. The monthly rise and set charts more accurately reflect the date change that occurs over a night. Updates have been made to; the Solar System naming information and moon data (with the continuing discovery of new moons), Moon facts, comet ephemerides, meteor showers and Western Australian places of astronomical interest. Also, a section listing Moon occultations has been included as well as a new section outlining the ancient astronomical roots in both our systems, and terminology, of time keeping.

Early in January all the VISIBLE PLANETS are above the horizon around the start of morning civil twilight. This is a relatively rare event and the ecliptic, the path of the Earth's orbit about the Sun, is clearly defined by joining the planets with an imaginary arc across the sky. Defining the ecliptic provides some special astronomical information because the ecliptic also closely approximates the orbital paths of all the planets. Furthermore, it is only in a band along the ecliptic that you can find the planets. Planetary motion is not arbitrary - they all orbit the Sun, and the similarity of their orbital planes hints at a common process in the formation of the planets.



ALL VISIBLE PLANETS on SHOW in the EARLY MORNING SKY early JANUARY

Can you observe any celestial objects other than the Sun and Moon in the daytime? Yes, people with average eyesight should be able to detect the bright planet VENUS. But you must know its position as the glare of the daytime sky severely reduces its conspicuousness. One way to overcome this is to try to observe it when it's close to the Moon. This occurs on August 8th and October 7th. So on these dates use the Moon as a position reference and slowly scan around it in order to find Venus. Remember: **Do NOT look at the Sun.**

VENUS VISIBLE in DAYTIME AUGUST 8 and OCTOBER 7

Need more of a challenge? Try to find JUPITER. It's about five times fainter than Venus so this is a more difficult task. Jupiter will be close to the Moon on January 4th, June 16th and August 10th. So scan around the Moon on these dates to test your eyesight and patience! Remember: **Do NOT look at the Sun.**

JUPITER may be VISIBLE in DAYTIME JANUARY 4, JUNE 16 and AUGUST 10

Two lunar eclipses are visible from WA in 2005. In the first of these the Moon does not traverse the full shadow of the Earth and so will not become particularly dark. The second lunar eclipse will be darker because a part of the Moon traverses the full Earth shadow.

PENUMBRAL ECLIPSE of the MOON APRIL 24

PARTIAL ECLIPSE of the MOON OCTOBER 17

Thank you to all those who provided feedback regarding the 2004 Almanac. We hope we have been able to satisfy all your information needs. If we haven't - please contact us. Like last year, the author of the most helpful feedback will receive a free copy of the Western Australian Astronomy Almanac for 2006. Standard rules apply: All entries must be in writing, the judge's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into. Final submission date for feedback is 2005 March 1.

FREE COMPETITION: The author of the most helpful feedback will receive a free copy of the Western Australian Astronomy Almanac for 2006.

Remember to spend a little time to view the night (and daytime) sky - there are many predictable and unpredictable sights to marvel at.

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GETTING STARTED

Competence requires practice. So if you want to appreciate the night sky beyond the level of simple wonderment (which we might add is a reasonable thing in itself) then you have to practice – you have to get out and observe, and prepare yourself so that you know what you are observing.

Here are some steps that you should take in order to gain a deeper appreciation of the night sky.

■ Read astronomy books and other media

It's best to be prepared before you step outside to observe. This means obtaining some reliable background information about what there is to view, in which direction, what time it's visible and so on. This Almanac is a great place to start. It's designed to assist star viewing. Even when you are more expert you can consult it for the information that will assist your nights observing. There are also many websites, magazines, books, CDs and videos that can assist you. We have listed some useful websites in section: *Background & General Information* that can get you started and they also have references to resources in other media.

A planisphere is a useful tool. It has a representation of the stars and constellations visible for any night of the year. Make sure you purchase the correct one for your latitude.

One important issue in becoming familiar with the sky is size. Astronomers measure distances across the sky in degrees. We all know that in a circle there are 360°. However this is rather large and not easily applicable to star viewing. There is an easy way to estimate smaller angles. Stretch out your arm in front of you. Open your hand and extend your fingers. With your arm outstretched, the angle between the tip of your thumb and tip of your little finger is about 20°. Also, the width of your thumb is about 1 to 2°. Alternatively, the Moon provides a stationary reference being about 0.5° across. In fact, you can use the Moon to 'calibrate' your extended arm and hand angle measuring system.

For smaller distances across the sky, 1° is divided into 60 minutes of arc, or 60'. One minute of arc is further divided into 60 seconds of arc, or 60". The Moon is approximately 0.5° or 30' across.

These detailed units are used in the tables of accurate positions of objects in the sky, for example, see section: *Solar System Information*. Also note the way that astronomers write decimal angles – the symbol is always placed after its integer part, eg $1\frac{1}{2}^\circ = 30' = 0.5^\circ$, not 0.5°. Another system to define angular positions on the sky uses time-based units: hours, minutes and seconds. This type of unit is convenient because the sky moves one rotation about every 24 hours, similar to the Sun. In this system, one complete rotation corresponds to 24 hours (denoted 24^h) and the hour is subdivided into minutes and seconds in the conventional way. Note: This system is used for positions on the sky, for example right ascension. In order to measure positional differences the system based on degrees, arc minutes and arc seconds should be used.

■ Join an astronomy society

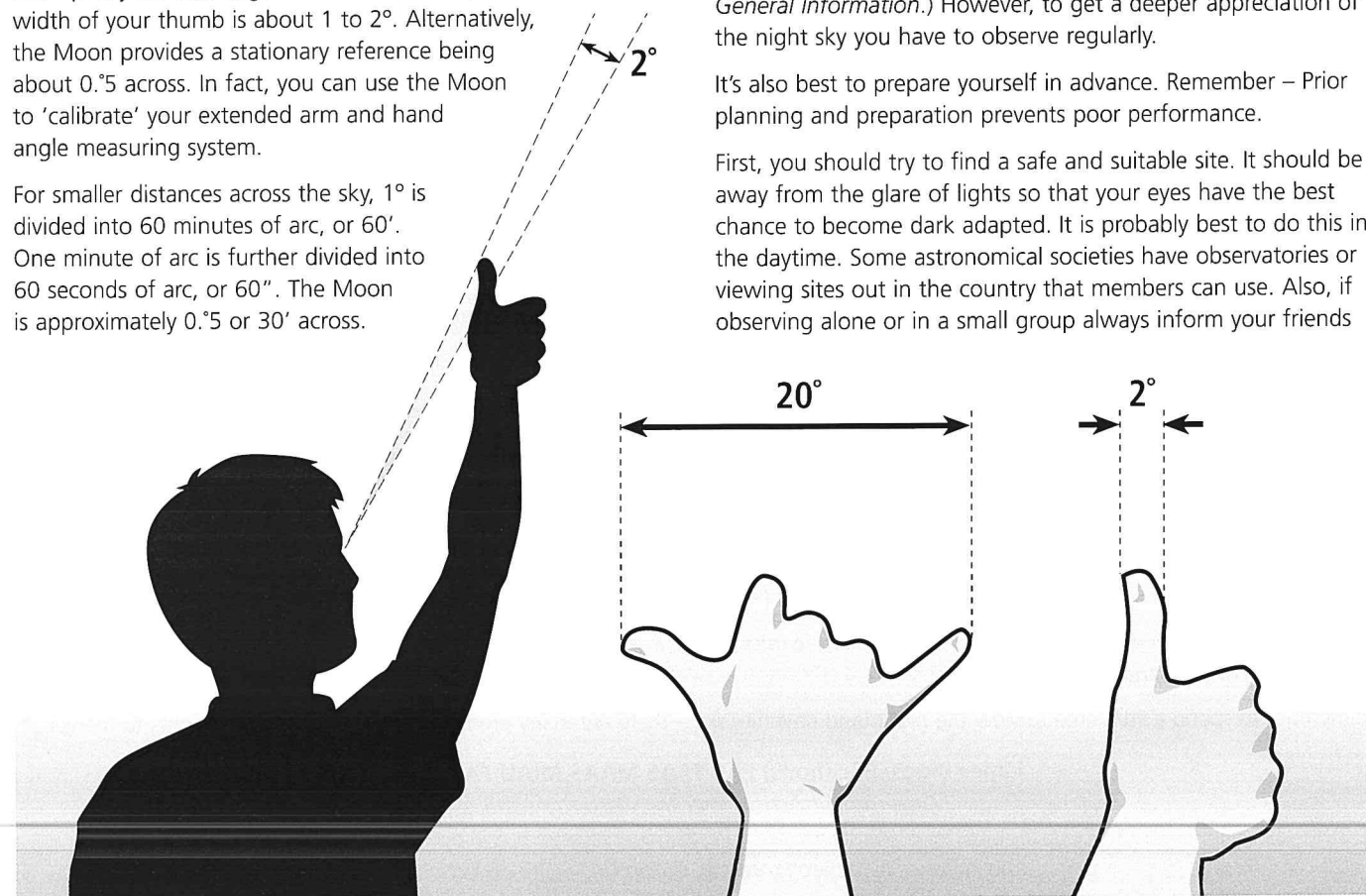
At an astronomy society you will meet a diverse range of people who have in common a great appreciation for and fascination with astronomy. The more established members are a great source of knowledge not only about the sky, but also instruments and observing sites. These societies can also provide enjoyable learning opportunities with formal and semi-formal lectures on astronomical topics, viewing nights, camps for star viewing and the like. The viewing nights also present an opportunity to learn about telescopes from the people who already own one. Some local societies are listed in section: *Western Australian Places of Astronomical Interest*.

■ Basic Observing

A lot of star viewing occurs incidentally, while putting out the rubbish bin, driving home late from a trip to the country and so on. You can see some spectacular sights when you least expect it. (Some of these are discussed in section: *Background & General Information*.) However, to get a deeper appreciation of the night sky you have to observe regularly.

It's also best to prepare yourself in advance. Remember – Prior planning and preparation prevents poor performance.

First, you should try to find a safe and suitable site. It should be away from the glare of lights so that your eyes have the best chance to become dark adapted. It is probably best to do this in the daytime. Some astronomical societies have observatories or viewing sites out in the country that members can use. Also, if observing alone or in a small group always inform your friends



and family and have some form of mobile communication in case of an emergency.

Read your almanacs and reference books, or run your computer programs to find out what's where and when, then make a list of things to see and do, set up at your observing site and get some equipment to make yourself comfortable such as a chair and blanket well before it gets dark. Also, it's advisable to wear stout shoes to protect your feet.

It also pays to inquire about the weather beforehand. You may need to dress warmly – you will probably be exposed to the breeze and this may create a wind chill factor that can make conditions cool even in summer. Also, star viewing is a rather low energy activity. This has the benefit that star viewing presents little restriction with regard to physical fitness - but keeping your body warm is an issue. If the weather is warm or still, insect repellent may be required.

Whilst star viewing is not a strenuous activity muscle strains can occur if your body is contorted in order to view through a telescope eyepiece or the like. In your planning think about what you will be doing. A simple folding chair may be very useful to minimise the risk of strain injuries.

Bring some spares. Batteries for your torch (very low power, or lens covered with red cellophane), spare cables etc, and food and drink for the humans!

Being organised means that there will be less need to rush and less possibility of mistakes or accidents during star viewing.

■ **Keep it simple**

Don't rush out to buy a telescope! There are a lot of telescopes that have been used once then never used again.

Become familiar with what is visible to the unaided eye. In fact, the eye is the best 'instrument' to view large sections of the sky such as those of constellation size. This also gives you an appreciation of the location of stars and constellations and at what season and time they are visible.

Objects that are visible with the unaided eye are the Moon and the five brightest planets, shooting stars (meteors), satellites, and more rarely, meteor showers, bright comets and auroras.

■ **Optical Instruments**

Binoculars are a good instrument to start with. They are mass produced and this means that generally their optical quality is quite good, and cost relatively cheap.

They come in a variety of sizes. 7 x 50 binoculars are a cost effective choice. The 7 refers to their magnification and 50 is the width of the lens in millimetres.

Binoculars need to be held steady in order to minimise image shake. This can be done by leaning up against a tree, or wall, or mounting them on a tripod.

More detail is visible when using binoculars as compared to the unaided eye. This is a simple fact of physics – the wider the aperture the more detail that can be seen. Also, fainter objects become detectable using larger collecting areas; the pupil in the human eye has an aperture of about 7mm, compared to tens of millimetres for binoculars. Sights to see with binoculars include the craters of the Moon, the moons of Jupiter, bright

comets (should any be around), star clusters and vistas rich in stars especially along the Milky Way.

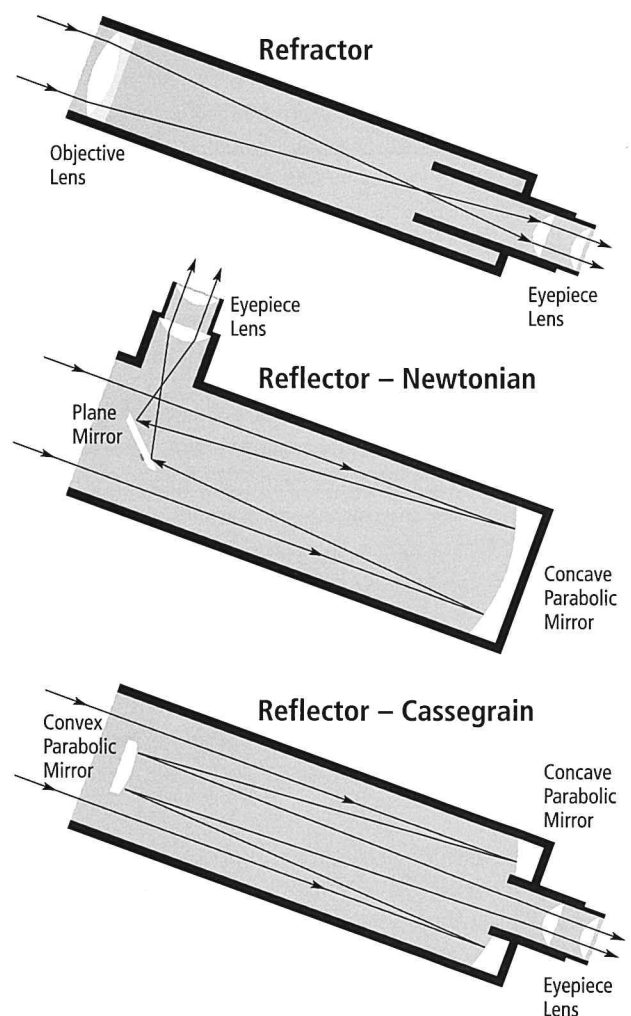
■ **Buying a telescope**

Eventually, if you've enjoyed doing all the things mentioned above you will probably want to buy your own telescope. Beware of any telescope that is advertised promoting its high magnification. These are probably built for a price, and not quality. It probably does have a high magnification, but what you will end up magnifying is the distortion in the telescope and atmosphere. Read widely about telescopes and purchase from a reputable business.

The subject of astronomical telescopes is quite large and only a very brief discussion is presented here. Telescopes come in three basic types:

- **refractors** – uses lenses,
- **reflectors** – uses a concave mirror to focus light, and
- **catadioptrics** – part reflecting telescope that has a correcting lens at the top to form the image. Most catadioptrics are of the Schmidt-Cassegrain design and these are quite a popular and useful design.

A sturdy mount is necessary in order to keep the image stable. A motor drive is also very useful as it allows your telescope to track celestial objects (assuming it is aligned correctly). This eliminates the tedious task of winding knobs in order to keep objects in the field of view and allows you to concentrate on astronomy.



HOW TO USE THIS ALMANAC

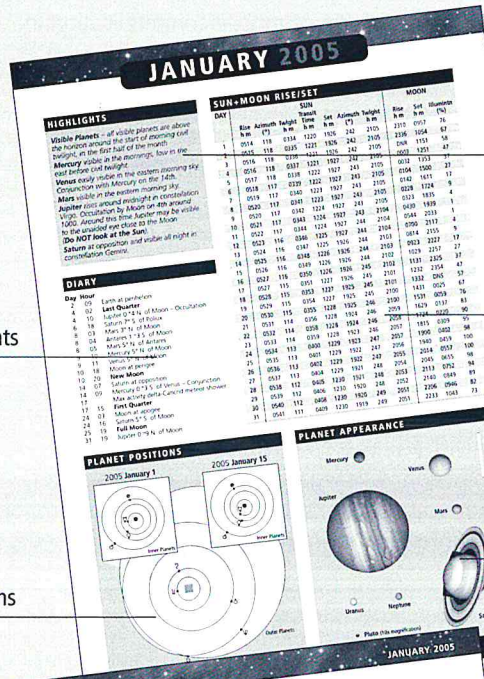
The majority of this almanac is dedicated to the provision of detailed information about what is to be seen and where it is located for each month. Following that is a section providing details about very rare and/or unusual events. Finally, the later sections provide background and reference information relevant for this year, as well as more general astronomical information.

Monthly Sections

Highlights for each month and a more detailed diary of events are provided in the **monthly sections**. Also, the relative size of the planets (in seconds of arc) is illustrated graphically. In order to put the previous information in context a diagram of the inner Solar System is included for the beginning and middle of the month. The planets in the outer Solar System do not move very fast and only one plot for the middle of the month is provided for them. Detailed rise and set times for the major Solar System objects are tabulated along with other useful information such as twilight times, azimuth of sunrise and set, and the fraction of the Moon illuminated. In the table of Moon rise and set times, DNR indicates the Moon did not rise on that date, and DNS indicates the Moon did not set on that date. Note that all times are given in Western Australian Standard Times (WAST = Universal Time (formerly known as Greenwich Mean Time) + 8 hours) unless noted otherwise and twilight refers to astronomical twilight – the time when the Sun is 18° below the horizon and its glow is approximately equal to the background starlight. Sometimes the planets rise or set twice in one night – this is just a consequence of the planet's and Earth's orbital motions. A chart graphically summarises the rise and set times of the Sun, Moon and planets over a given month. All rise and set times are correct for observers in Perth, however graphs indicating the corrections required for observers elsewhere in WA are provided in section: *Background and General Information*.

Jupiter is the next major focus of these sections. A table is provided that indicates the time of events involving its four brightest moons Io (I), Europa (II), Ganymede (III) and Callisto (IV). The events indicated are a transit (Tr, passage of moon across Jupiter), shadow (Sh, a moon's shadow crosses the disc of Jupiter), eclipse (Ec, a moon passes into Jupiter's shadow) and occultation (Oc, a moon passes behind Jupiter). The timings associated with these events are related to the disappearance (D) and reappearance (R) of a moon after an occultation, and ingress (I) into, and egress (E) from, Jupiter's disc associated with a transit, shadow or eclipse event. Also, the times of visibility of Jupiter's Great Red Spot (GRS) are provided. In practise, it is only visible for around one hour centred on these times and is notoriously difficult to detect without stable atmospheric conditions and a decent telescope. The positions of the moons with respect to the planets Jupiter and Saturn are also illustrated graphically. Note that in these charts the thicker lines indicate that the moon is closer to Earth than the planet.

The last component of these sections is one of the most useful – the sky views – charts showing the planet or object of interest against the background of brighter stars. These are a great aid in assisting beginners find their way around the sky. Please note that the size of the Moon in these images is larger than it should be in order to aid clarity.



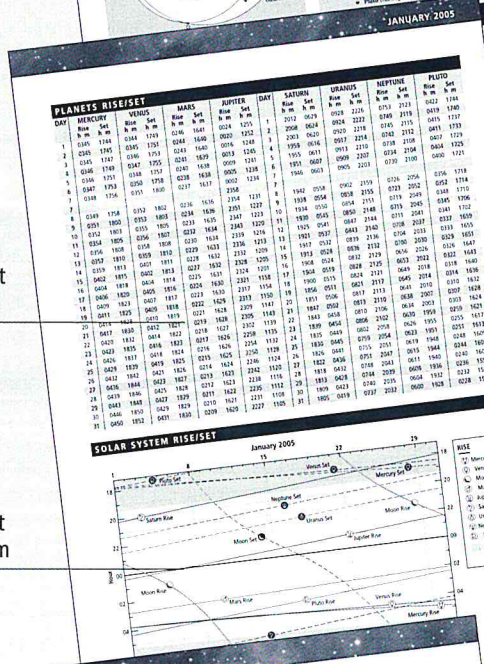
Highlights for this month

Sun & Moon Rise/Set Data

Relative size of planets

Diary of events

Planet positions

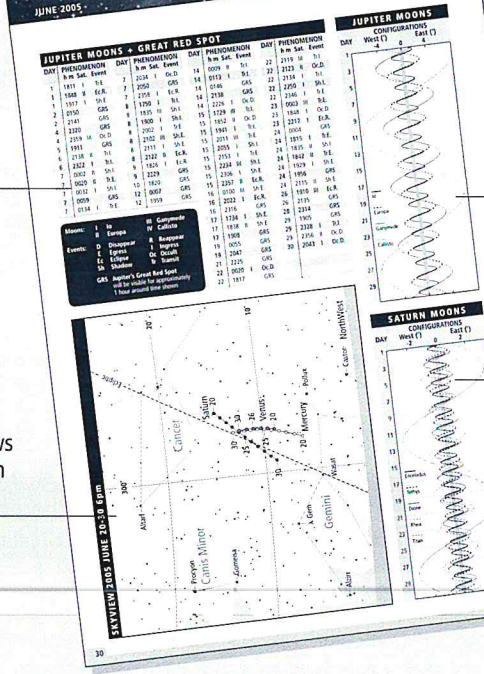


Planet Rise/Set Data

Planet Rise/Set Diagram

Jupiter events table

Jovian satellite configuration



Skyviews for each month

Saturn satellite configuration

Additional Sections

Some of the more spectacular and/or rare celestial events are discussed in the **Eclipses & Occultations** Section. In particular the date, time and region where the event is actually visible are provided.

Detailed **Solar System information** is provided in the next section.

This includes up-to-date physical parameters for the planets and their ever-increasing number of moons. Notes on the origin of the names of the planets and moons are also provided and give a flavour of the long history of astronomy and the creative continuation of its traditions. The positions of all the major Solar System objects are also tabulated. Note that these positions refer to 0000 WAST, which corresponds to 1600 UT. Charts of the planetary positions over the year are also included. The Moon's phases can affect observing so they are provided, along with a map that will aid identification of its major surface features, as well as some basic Moon information. More detailed graphs concerning the positions, sizes, brightness etc of the planets are also provided in order to assist the more experienced observers. A list of bright meteor showers visible from the Southern Hemisphere is tabulated in order to assist identification of any bright meteors. Information about close approaches by known asteroids and comets is contained in the next group of tables. Finally, ephemerides (tables of position as a function of time) for bright comets are tabulated. Note: the brightness of comets is difficult to predict with any accuracy.

A detailed section with explanatory notes is contained in the **Stars and Non-Stellar Objects** sections. You can't view most of these objects with the unaided eye, but they are included as a reference for those interested and the more experienced observers. The parameters provided are the most up-to-date from recent observations that were easily accessible.

The penultimate section contains a range of **Background & General Information**. The list of websites and the extensive list of astronomical definitions will be particularly useful to beginners. The subsection concerning calendars and the like may appear quiet abstract at first glance. But contained within it is information that alludes to the complex history of our (Gregorian) calendar system, and the other calendars still in use around the world. Also, a brief explanation of the astronomical and historical basis of our time keeping systems and terminology is outlined. The list of Julian day numbers is a calendar that astronomers use. Every day has a number assigned to it, and the time interval between events can be easily calculated from the difference between the two dates in Julian day format. (Try finding the time interval between, say, 1963 April 29 and 1972 November 1 without using Julian day numbers!) Also note that astronomers have an unusual format for dates and times. Not only do they use a 24 hour clock, but also they always put the most significant part first, and the least last. For example, 2pm on the 6th of July, 1990 becomes CE 1990 July 6 1400 (CE means the *Common Era*, a modern variant of AD). This system is also the international standard. A new entry in this section will aid naked-eye observers interpret, what might appear at first sight to be, unusual observations. Readers are most welcome to use the observation form provided and submit recent observations that they cannot readily identify themselves. The final page of this section shows how the Southern Cross constellation can help you find south and also assist you in determining the time.

The final section, **Western Australian Places of Astronomical Interest**, lists a number of places you can visit for an astronomy experience, and societies to join.

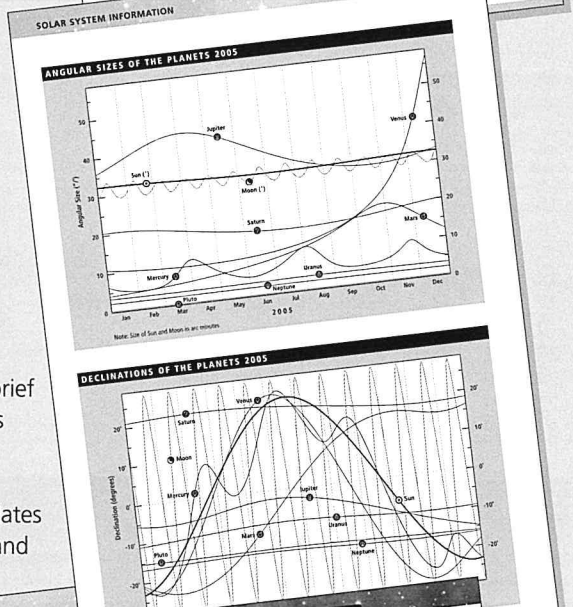
ECLIPSES & OCCULTATIONS

Solar eclipses are daytime events and can only occur at New Moon phase when the Sun and Moon are on opposite sides of the Earth. The Earth's shadow (umbra) is significantly smaller than that of the Earth and total solar eclipses only occur in a region approximately 200km wide. This shadow moves across the Earth in response to the motion of the Moon in its orbit around Earth, and Earth's orbital motion around the Sun. The geometry of the Moon is such that the shadow is larger and wider southward around the equator than it is northward. The amount of total eclipse experienced is a partial solar eclipse. The amount of total eclipse experienced is a partial solar eclipse. The amount of total eclipse experienced is a partial solar eclipse. Sometimes, the Sun, Moon and Earth alignment is not perfect and the eclipse is only partial.

Not only do solar eclipses require a geometrical alignment of the Sun, Moon and Earth, but they also require the angular size of the Moon on the sky to be large enough to obscure the Sun. At most times, the Moon covers approximately the same area on the sky as the Sun. However, at times when the Moon is furthest from Earth, it does not cover the Sun. A similar situation occurs when the Earth is closest to the Sun (perihelion). Use the diagram below to see how the geometry of the Sun and Moon apparent size changes throughout the year. Solar eclipses at these times cannot be total, and the Sun remains visible from a region about 20 kilometers wide. As a ring around the edge of the Moon. Such events are called annular solar eclipses. So line is this case because sometimes a solar eclipse changes from annular, to total, and back again. This occurs because of the elliptical nature of the Earth's orbit and as the Moon's orbit around the Earth is elliptical. Earth radius is 6,371 kilometers, closer than surrounding regions of the Earth. The solar eclipse of 2005 April 8 (April 9 in Australia) is one of the rare annular/total type, but unfortunately it is not visible from anywhere in Australia.

At the greatest epoch the proportion of each type of solar eclipse is total 26%, annular 23%, partial 35%, and annular/total 16%. The remainder are relatively rare eclipses that occur in polar regions where only a part of the Moon's umbra, or its total shadow, reaches the Earth. On average, a given place on the Earth experiences a total eclipse every 375 years and an annular eclipse every 224 years. Total eclipses are more common the further north the latitude because solar eclipses are more common in summer and Earth's perihelion occurs in the northern summer. Annular eclipses are less frequent around equatorial regions because these regions are generally closer to the Moon. Southern regions also experience more annular eclipses than corresponding northern latitudes because the Earth is at aphelion (furthest from the Sun) in the southern hemisphere.

Solar and lunar eclipses often occur in pairs, and this is evident in the two pairs of eclipses that occur this year. This occurs because the orbital plane of the Moon about the Earth is inclined with respect to the Earth's orbital plane around the Sun. The alignment of the Moon's orbital plane slowly changes and so eclipses do not always occur at New Moon when solar eclipses occur.



BACKGROUND & GENERAL INFORMATION

RISERISE CORRECTION DIAGRAMS FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA

BRIGHT STARS (EPOCH J2000.0)

DESIGNATION	NAME	RA	DEC	APP. MAG.	ABS. MAG.	SPECTRAL TYPE	PARALLAX	DIST. LY	DIST. PC
1 = Sun	Sun	06 45 08.8	-16 22 58	-26.7	4.8	G2V	0.375	6.8	2.6
2 = CMA	Canopus	06 48 52.1	-52 41 44	0.72	-5.7	A9V	0.010	310	100
3 = CMa	Regulus	14 06 39.2	12 06 06	0.37	-0.1	G8V	0.044	64	21
4 = CMa	Siguli Kaiti	14 39 38.2	26 30 08	0.27	-6.1	G2V-K1V	0.099	16.0	5.1
5 = CMa	Antares	16 09 03.8	-23 04 36	0.99	0.4	M1-3III	0.027	121	39
6 = CMa	Vega	18 36 56.3	38 47 01	0.08	-0.5	A0V	0.325	24.3	7.8
7 = CMa	Star	05 14 41.4	-05 39 35	0.12	-0.8	B9V	0.011	42.1	13.5
8 = CMa	Arcturus	14 15 37.3	19 10 57	0.04	-0.3	K0III	0.021	42.1	13.5
9 = CMa	Altair	08 36 56.3	08 12 06	0.32	-1.6	F5IV	0.008	14.3	4.4
10 = CMa	Gamma	05 14 41.4	-05 39 35	0.12	-0.8	B9V	0.011	42.1	13.5
11 = CMa	Rigel	07 39 18.3	-09 12 25	0.50	-7.0	B7III	0.006	1500	470
12 = CMa	Procyon	08 36 56.3	16 22 22	0.08	-0.9	F7III	0.001	100	31
13 = CMa	Adhara	05 55 10.3	-07 24 25	0.98	2.2	A7V	0.014	16.8	5.2
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16 = CMa	Alnilam	07 39 18.3	-16 30 13	0.65	-6.7	B8-B9III	0.001	650	200
17 = CMa	Saturn	08 26 26.8	-43 02 56	0.97	-1.2	A0	0.002	320	83
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33 = CMa	Altair	08 36 56.3	08 12 06	1.70	-1.0	A0	0.001	610	185
34 = CMa	Alnilam	07 39 18.3	-16 30 13	1.70	-6.8	B0V	0.001	1600	500

Legend: + Apparent Magnitude, - Absolute Magnitude

The brightness of stars

How bright a star appears is called **apparent magnitude** by astronomers. This depends on three factors:

- distance from Earth,
- size and
- how much light it emits per square metre from its outer layers.

The brightest star in the sky is our Sun. It is not a particularly big or bright star, but it is the nearest star to us. Astronomers measure the brightness of the stars on a scale called the **magnitude scale**. This scale has descended to us from ancient times when Hipparchus, a Greek astronomer, classified the stars by their brightness and used the word *magnitudes* to describe the times when Hipparchus's system a very bright star would have a magnitude of 1 and a very faint star a magnitude of 6.

The smaller the number, the brighter the star.

Accurate measurements of the brightness of stars have shown that a magnitude 1 star emits 100 times more energy than a magnitude 6 star. Apparently the human eye responds in a logarithmic way to differing light levels. So a difference in magnitude of 1 corresponds to about a factor of 2.5 in energy. A magnitude system roughly consistent with that of Hipparchus has been established by modern astronomers, but now each star can have its magnitude accurately measured.

A powerful telescope can detect very faint stars beyond magnitude 20. Under very clear, dark skies, stars with a magnitude of 6 are visible to the unaided eye. Nearly 3,000 stars are visible to the unaided eye in good conditions. The very brightest stars visible in urban areas compared to a dark site.

JANUARY 2005

HIGHLIGHTS

Visible Planets – all visible planets are above the horizon around the start of morning civil twilight, in the first half of the month

Mercury visible in the mornings, low in the east before civil twilight.

Venus easily visible in the eastern morning sky. Conjunction with Mercury on the 14th.

Mars visible in the eastern morning sky.

Jupiter rises around midnight in constellation Virgo. Occultation by Moon on 4th around 1000. Around this time Jupiter may be visible to the unaided eye close to the Moon (**Do NOT look at the Sun**).

Saturn at opposition and visible all night in constellation Gemini.

DIARY

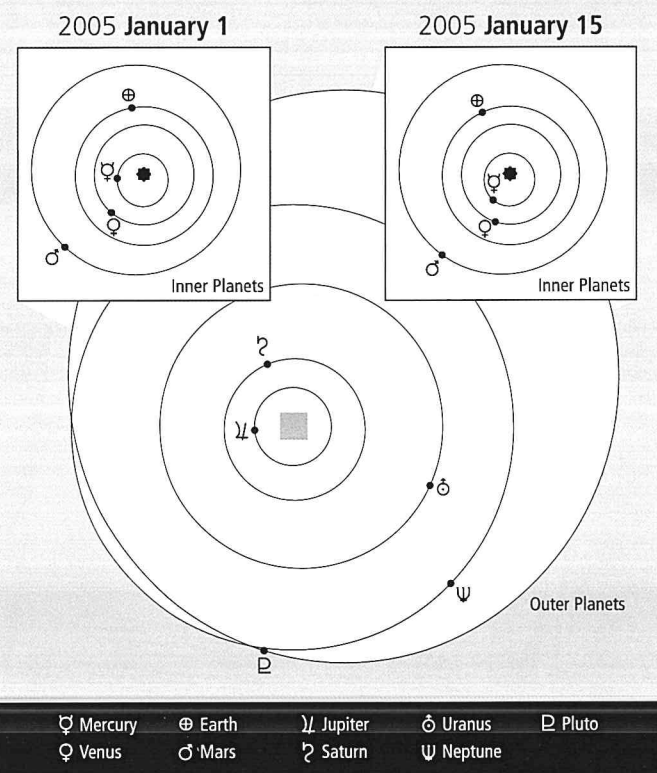
Day Hour

2	09	Earth at perihelion
4	02	Last Quarter
4	10	Jupiter 0.°4 N. of Moon – Occultation
6	18	Saturn 7° S. of Pollux
8	03	Mars 3° N. of Moon
8	04	Antares 1.°3 S. of Moon
8	05	Mars 5° N. of Antares
9	10	Mercury 5° N. of Moon
9	11	Venus 5° N. of Moon
10	18	Moon at perigee
10	20	New Moon
14	07	Saturn at opposition
14	09	Mercury 0.°3 S. of Venus – Conjunction
17		Max activity delta-Canrid meteor shower
17	15	First Quarter
24	03	Moon at apogee
24	16	Saturn 5° S. of Moon
25	19	Full Moon
31	19	Jupiter 0.°9 N. of Moon

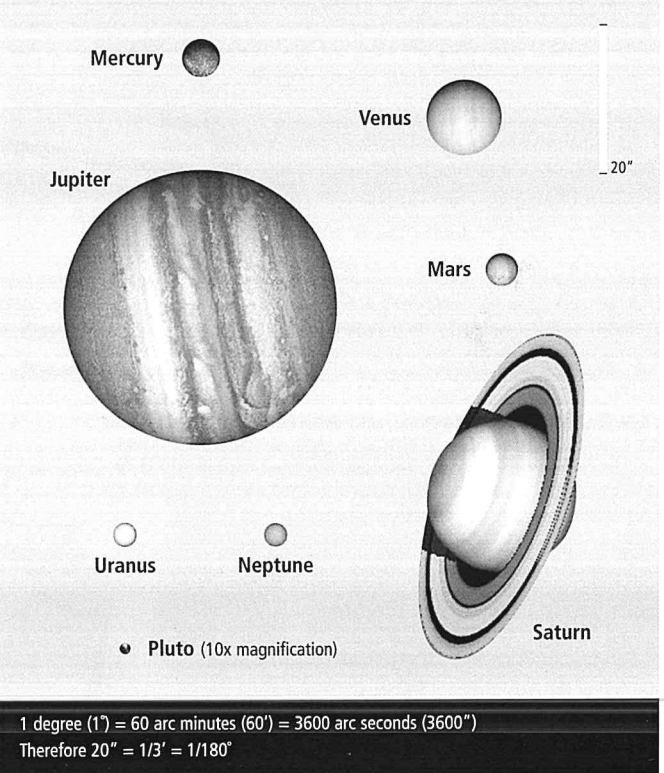
SUN+MOON RISE/SET

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PLANET POSITIONS



PLANET APPEARANCE

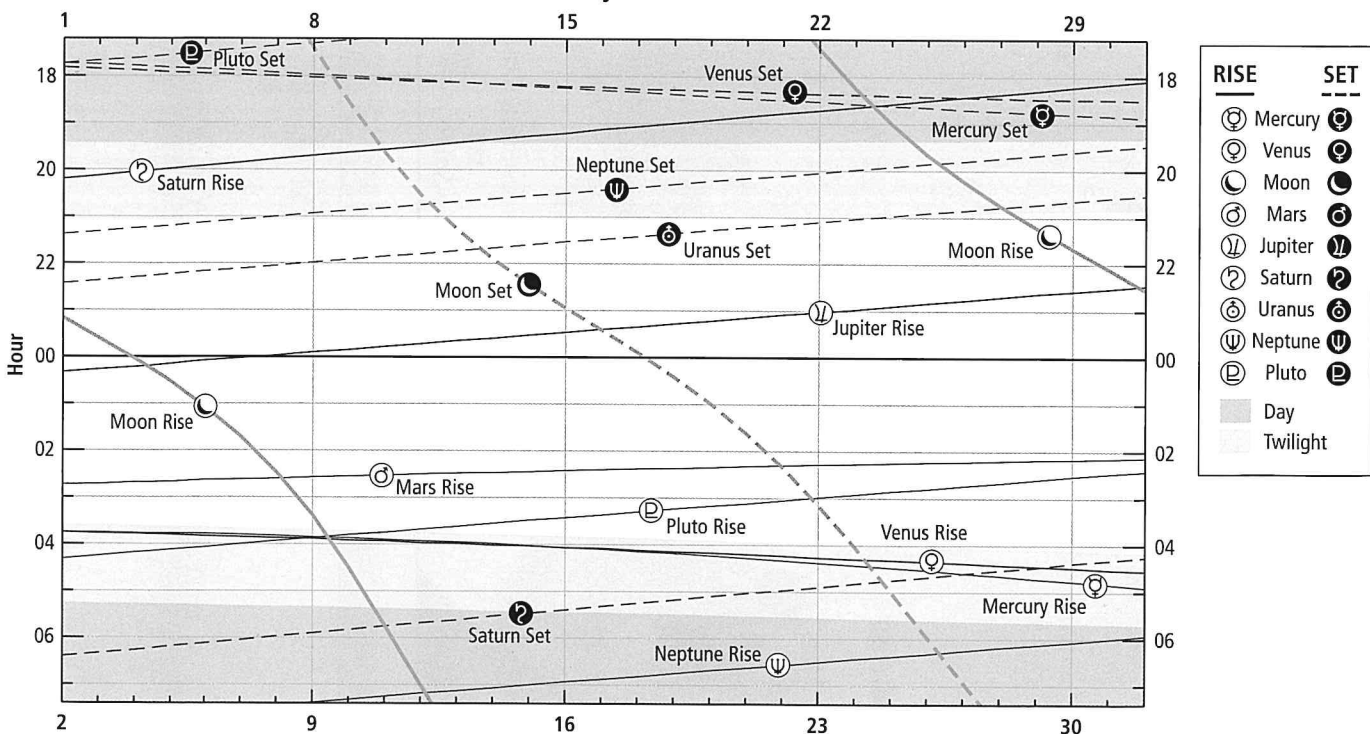


PLANETS RISE/SET

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SOLAR SYSTEM RISE/SET

January 2005



JUPITER MOONS + GREAT RED SPOT

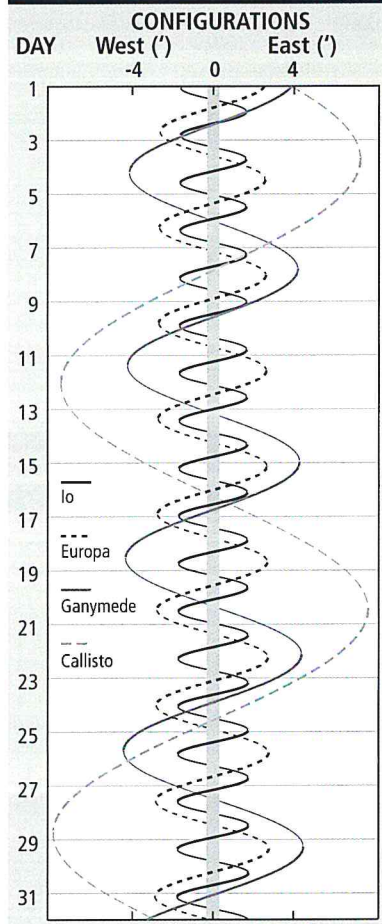
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Moons: I Io III Ganymede
 II Europa IV Callisto

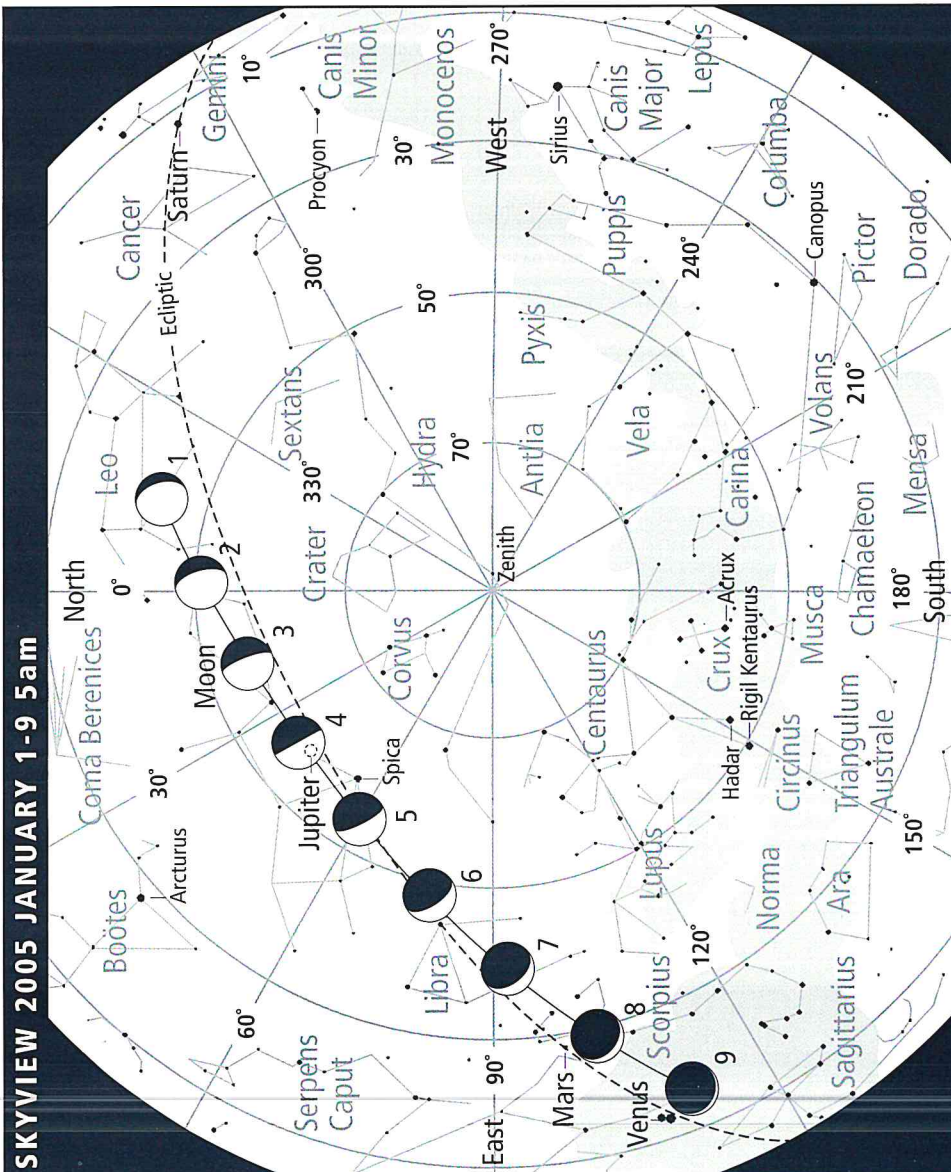
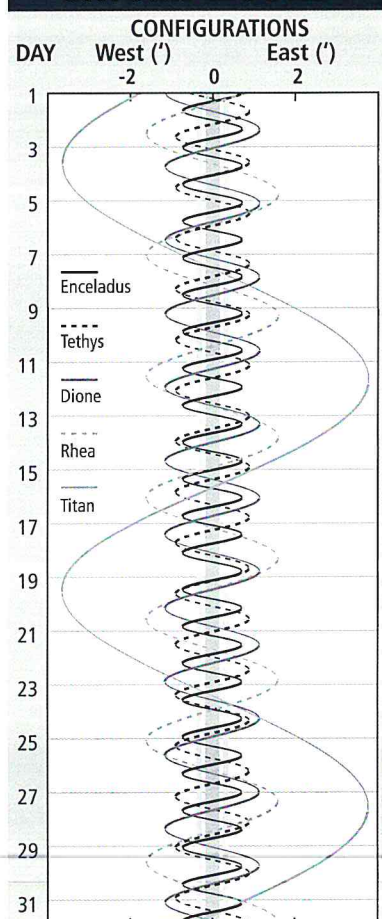
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GRS Jupiter's Great Red Spot
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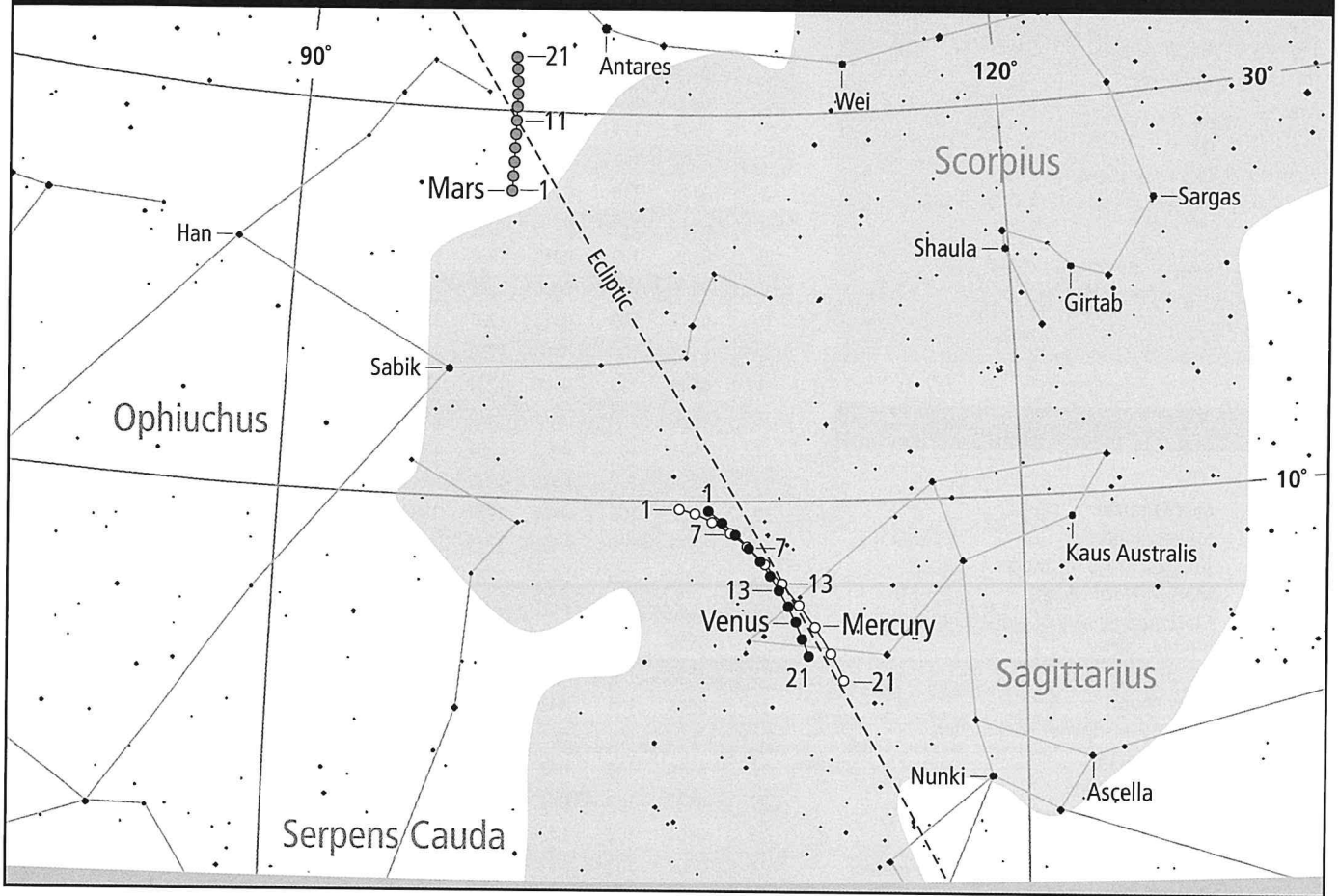
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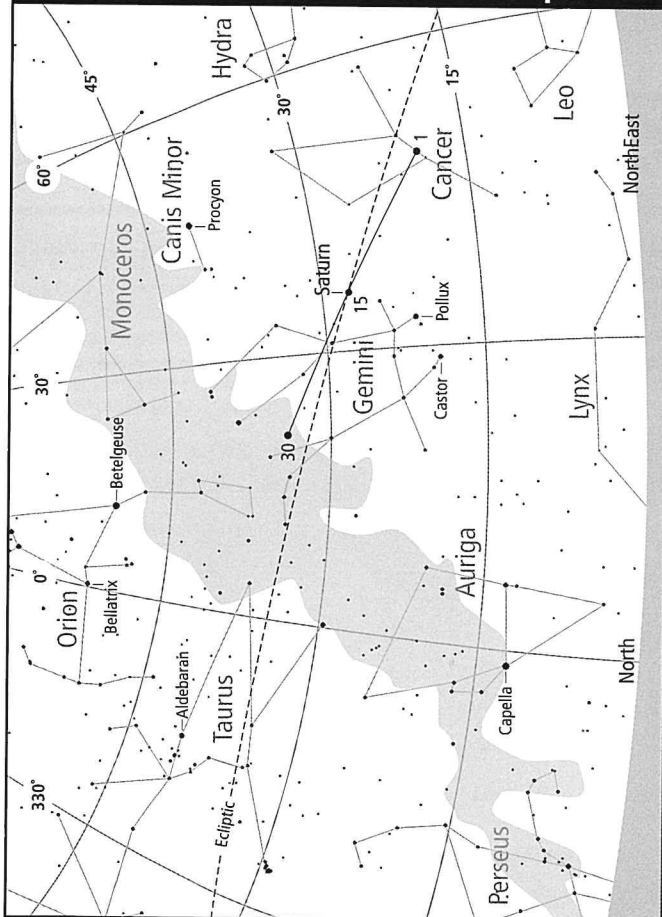
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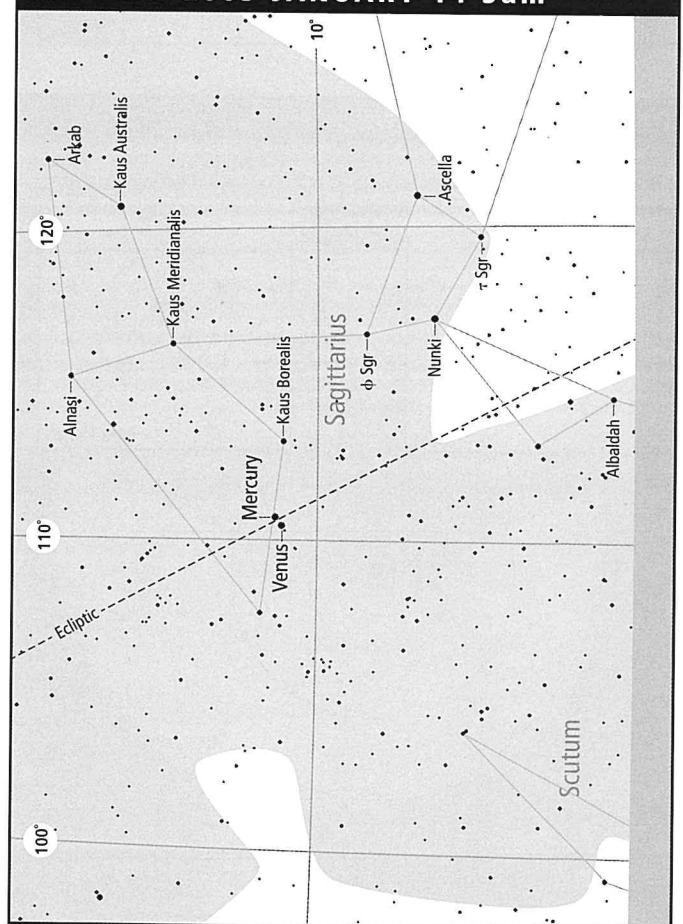
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FEBRUARY 2005

HIGHLIGHTS

Venus visible in the eastern morning sky in the first half of the month.

Mars visible in the eastern morning sky in the constellation Sagittarius.

Jupiter rises well before midnight in constellation Virgo. Occultation by Moon on 27th around 2300.

Saturn visible all evening and part of the morning in constellation Gemini.

DIARY

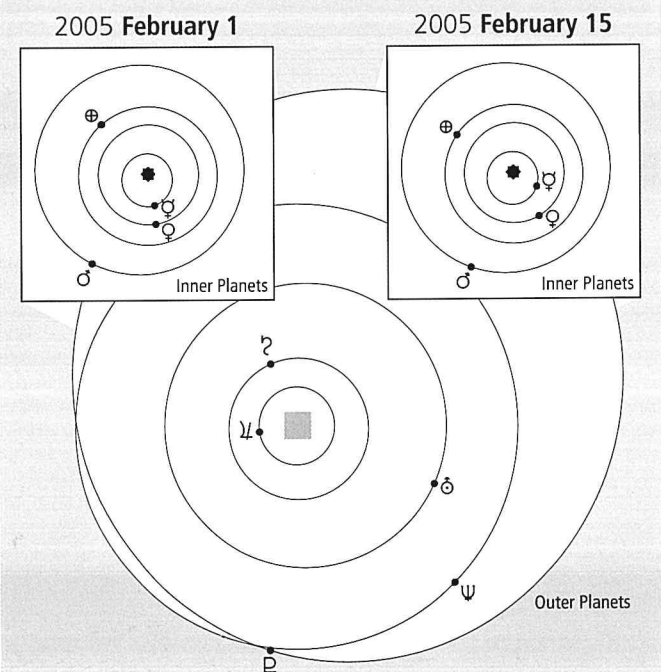
Day Hour

2	15	Last Quarter
3	00	Jupiter stationary
4	13	Antares 1.°1 S. of Moon
5	21	Mars 4° N. of Moon
7		Maximum activity of alpha-Centaurid meteor shower
8	06	Moon at perigee
9	06	New Moon
14	19	Mercury in superior conjunction
16	08	First Quarter
20	13	Moon at apogee
20	19	Saturn 5° S. of Moon
24	13	Full Moon
25		Maximum activity of delta-Leonid meteor shower
27	23	Jupiter 1.°2 N. of Moon – Occultation

SUN+MOON RISE/SET

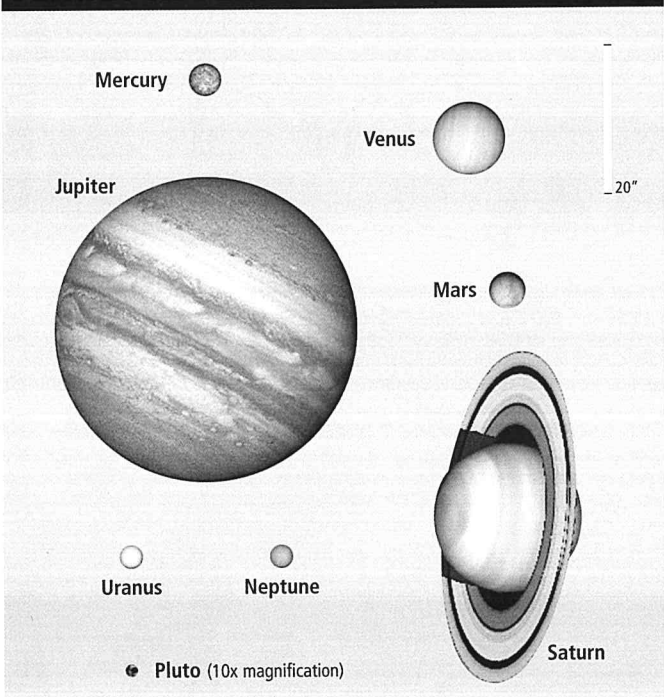
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PLANET POSITIONS



☿ Mercury ⊕ Earth ♃ Jupiter ♅ Uranus ♇ Pluto
 ♀ Venus ♁ Mars ♄ Saturn ♆ Neptune

PLANET APPEARANCE



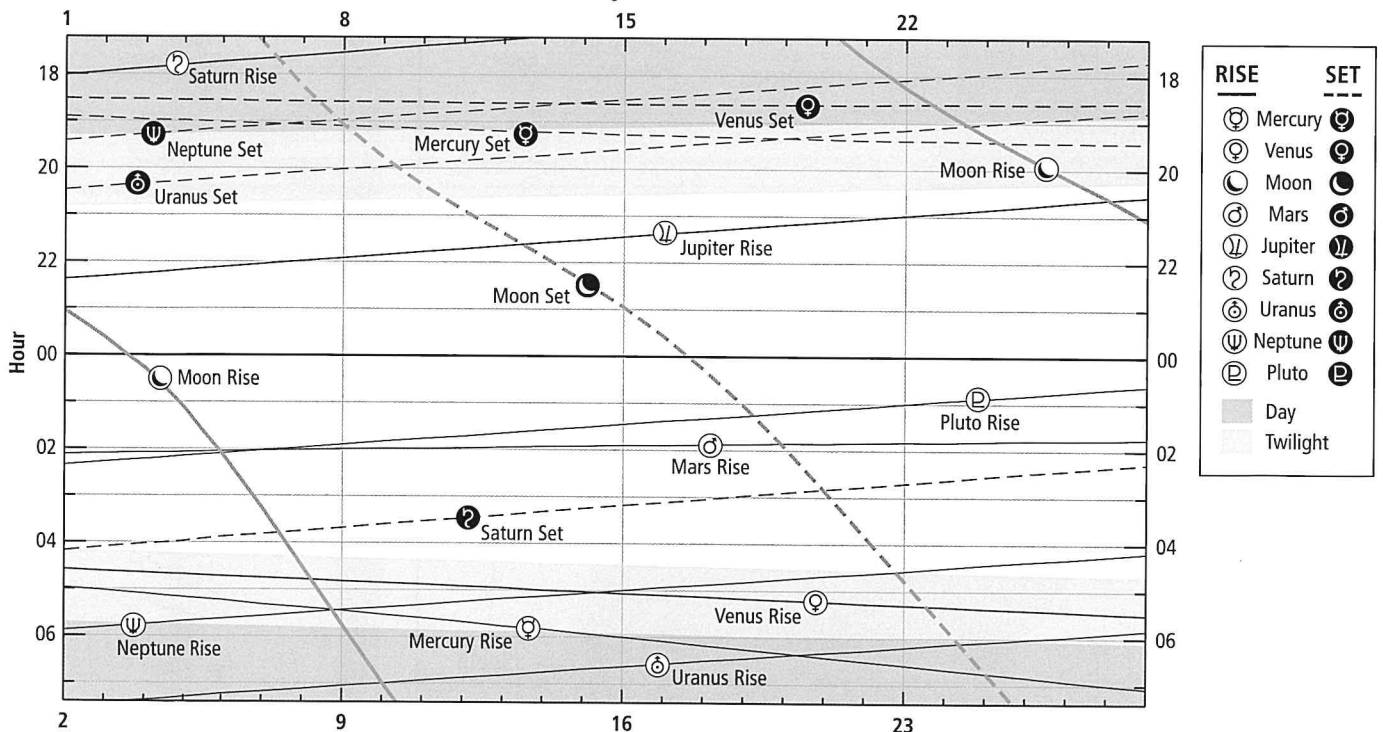
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PLANETS RISE/SET

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SOLAR SYSTEM RISE/SET

February 2005



JUPITER MOONS + GREAT RED SPOT

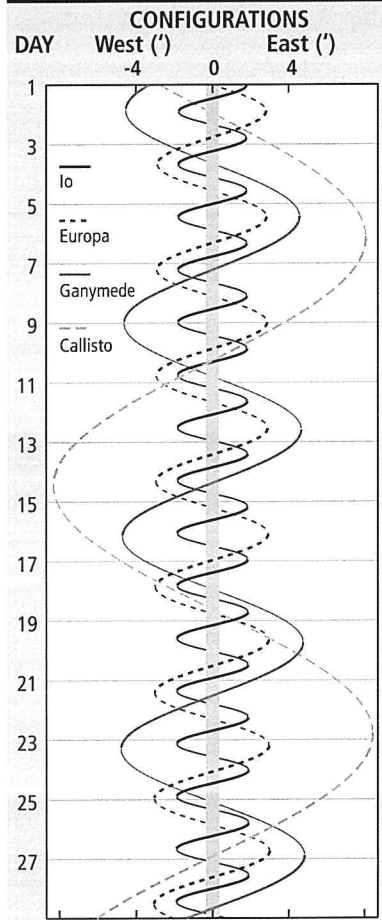
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				17	0015	II	Tr.E.	26	2237		GRS
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Moons:
 I Io III Ganymede
 II Europa IV Callisto

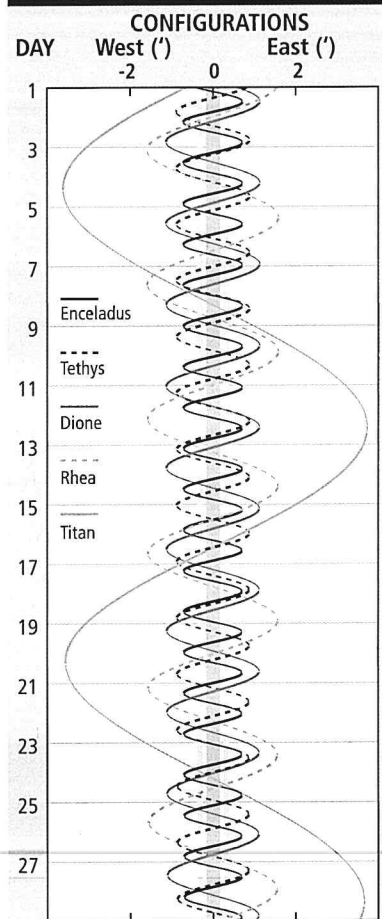
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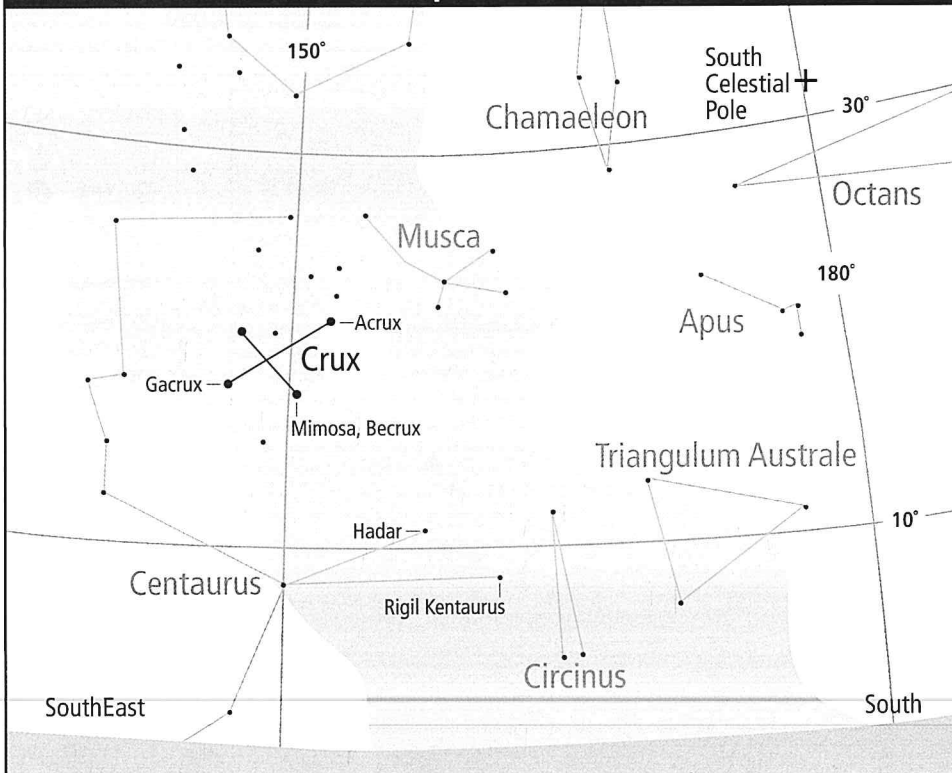
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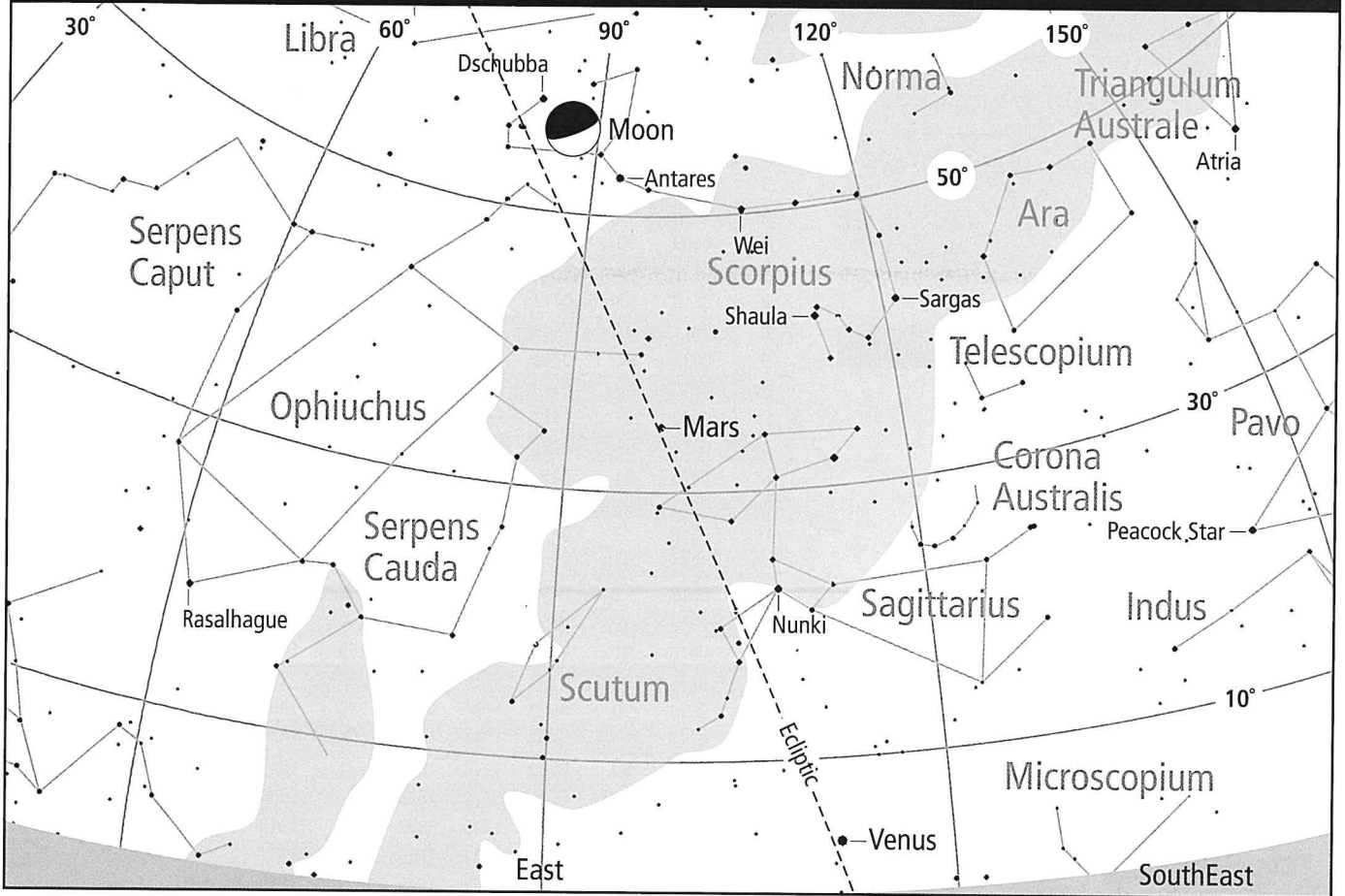
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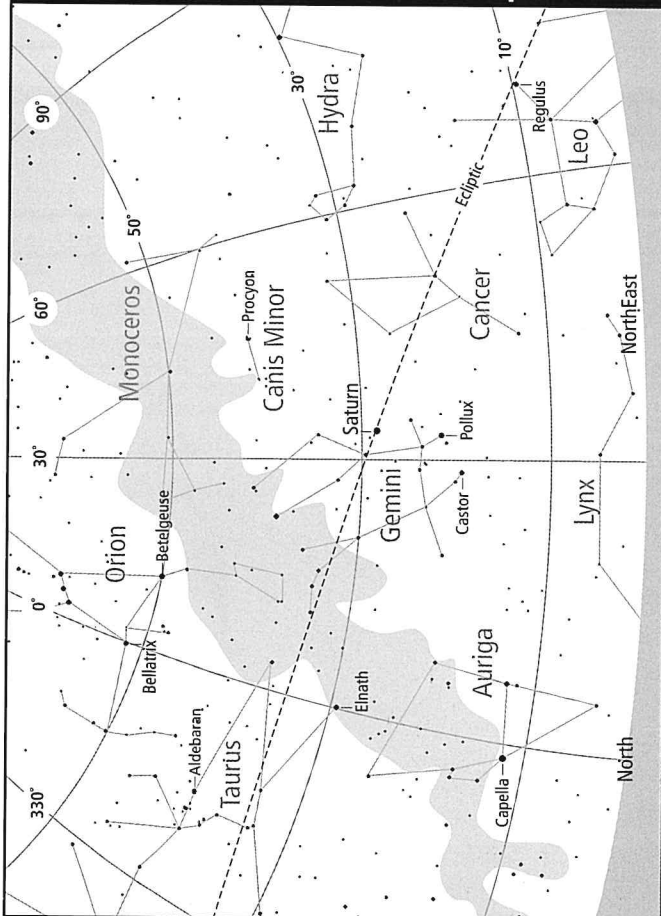
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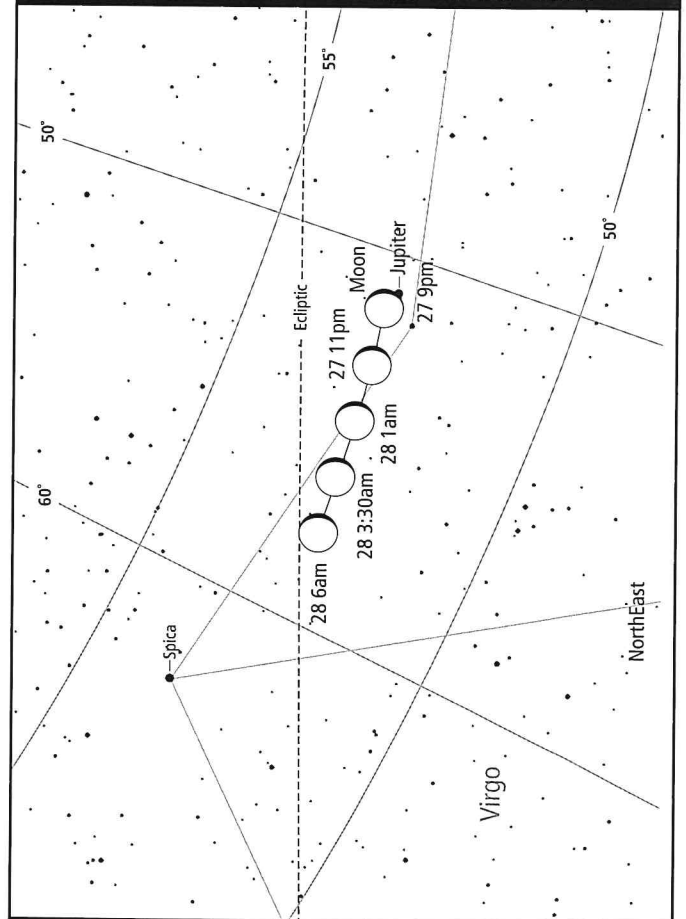
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HIGHLIGHTS

Mercury visible in the western evening sky after civil twilight.

Mars visible in the eastern morning sky.

Jupiter rises not long after sunset in constellation Virgo. Occultation by Moon on 27th around midnight.

Saturn visible all evening and part of the morning in constellation Gemini.

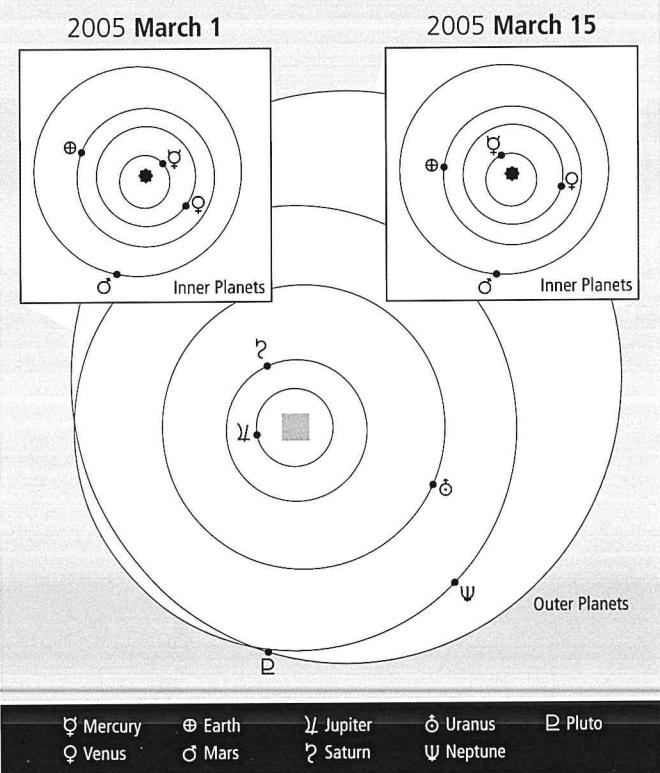
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3	19	Antares 0.°8 S. of Moon
4	02	Last Quarter
6	14	Mars 5° N. of Moon
8	12	Moon at perigee
10	17	New Moon
12	00	Mercury 3° N. of Moon
13		Maximum activity of gamma-Normid meteor shower
13	02	Mercury greatest elongation E (18°)
18	03	First Quarter
20	00	Mercury stationary
20	00	Saturn 5° S. of Moon
20	07	Moon at apogee
20	21	Equinox
22	08	Saturn stationary
24		Maximum activity of Virginid meteor shower
26	05	Full Moon
27	00	Jupiter 1.°5 N. of Moon – Occultation
27	16	Pluto stationary
30	00	Mercury in inferior conjunction
31	01	Antares 0.°7 S. of Moon
31	11	Venus in superior conjunction

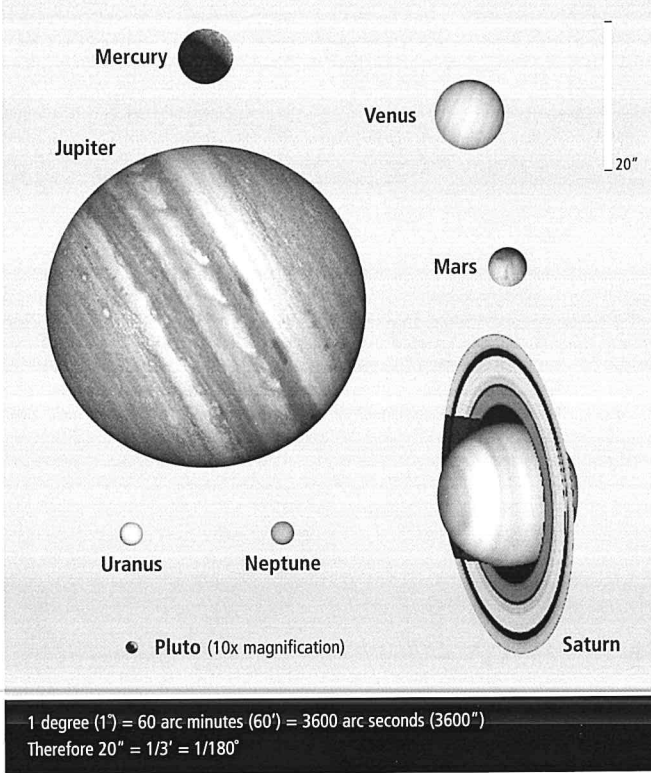
SUN+MOON RISE/SET

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PLANET POSITIONS



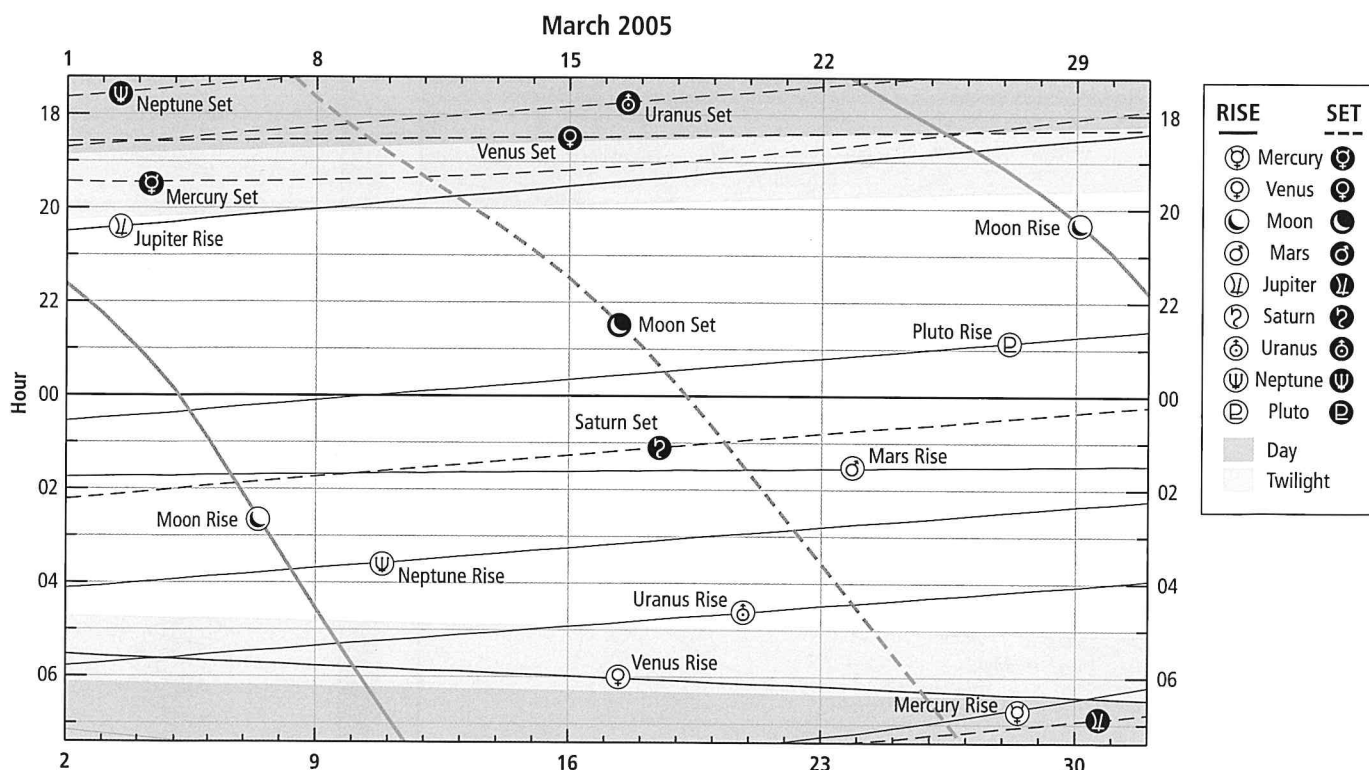
PLANET APPEARANCE



PLANETS RISE/SET

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SOLAR SYSTEM RISE/SET

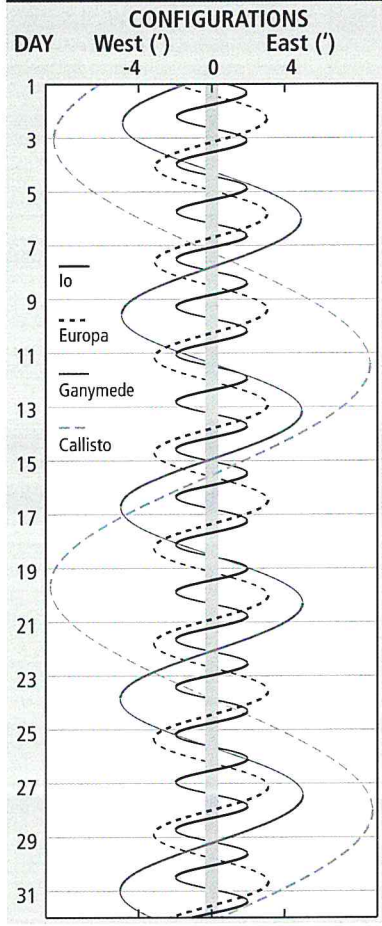


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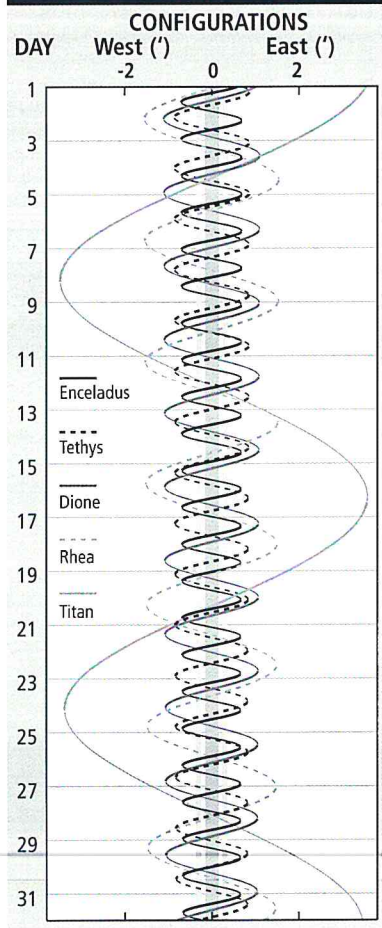
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6	0519 I Oc.R.	14	0422 I Tr.E.	21	0336 I Sh.I.	29	0330 III Tr.I.
6	2349 I Sh.J.	14	0553 GRS	21	0356 I Tr.I.	29	0458 I Oc.R.
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7	0201 I Sh.E.	14	2129 III Sh.E.	21	0606 I Tr.E.	29	0545 III Tr.E.
7	0238 I Tr.E.	14	2250 I Ec.D.	21	0638 GRS	29	1954 II Oc.R.
7	0509 GRS	14	2309 III Tr.E.	21	2247 III Sh.I.	29	2306 GRS
7	2056 I Ec.D.	15	0130 I Oc.R.	22	0014 III Tr.I.	29	2358 I Sh.I.
7	2345 I Oc.R.	15	0145 GRS	22	0044 I Ec.D.	30	0006 I Tr.I.
8	0100 GRS	15	2011 I Sh.I.	22	0126 III Sh.E.	30	0210 I Sh.E.
8	2029 I Sh.E.	15	2038 I Tr.I.	22	0227 III Tr.E.	30	0216 I Tr.E.
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				23	0032 I Tr.E.	31	2038 I Sh.E.
				23	1912 I Ec.D.	31	2042 I Tr.E.
				23	2140 I Oc.R.		

Moons: I Io III Ganymede
 II Europa IV Callisto
 Events: D Disappear R Reappear
 E Egress I Ingress
 Ec Eclipse Oc Occult
 Sh Shadow Tr Transit
 GRS Jupiter's Great Red Spot
 will be visible for approximately
 1 hour around time shown

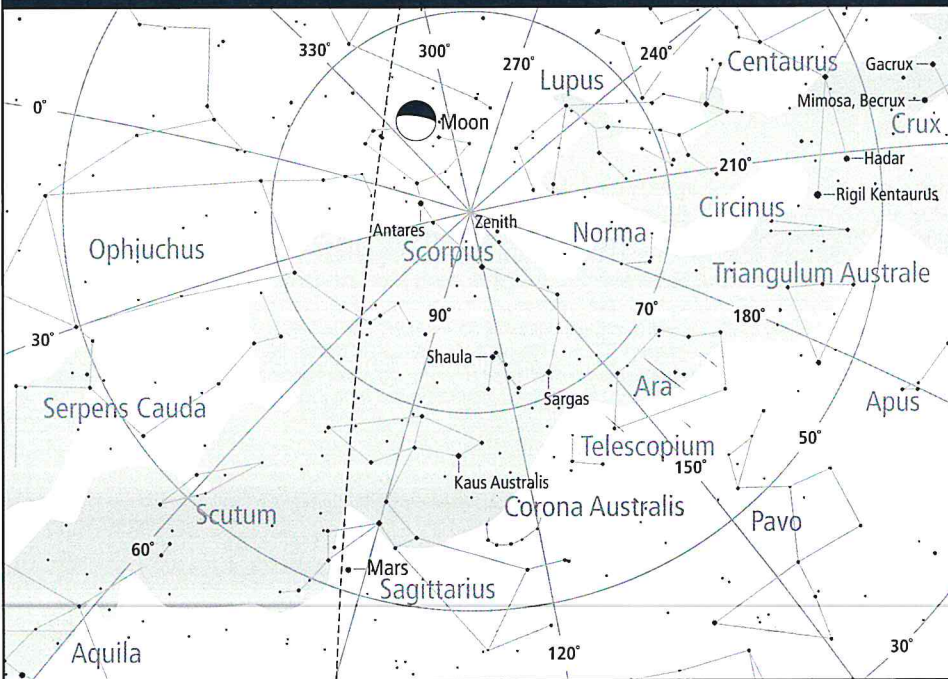
JUPITER MOONS CONFIGURATIONS

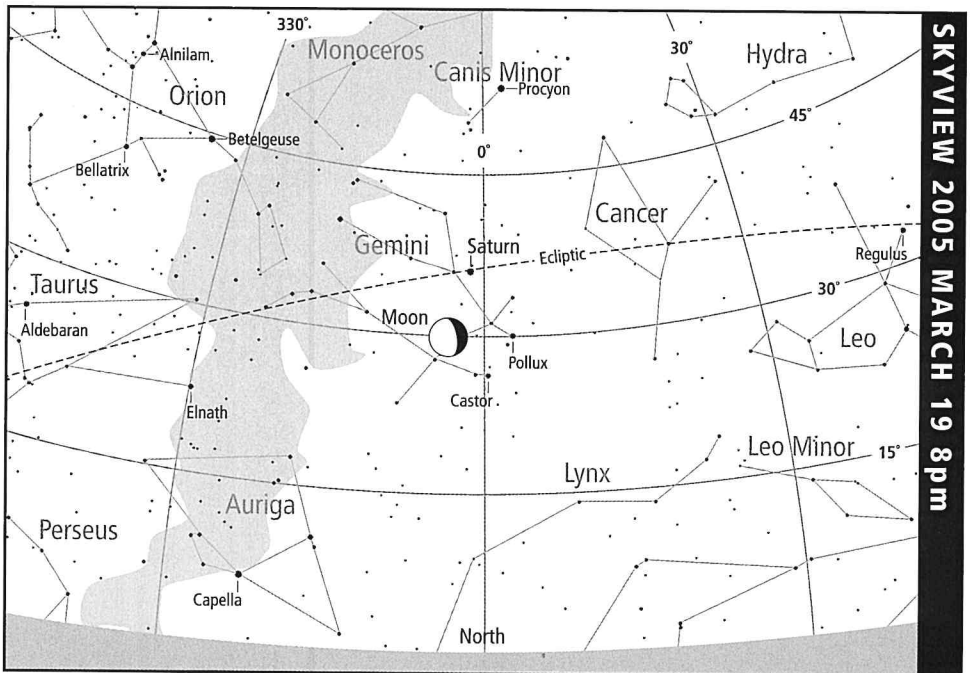
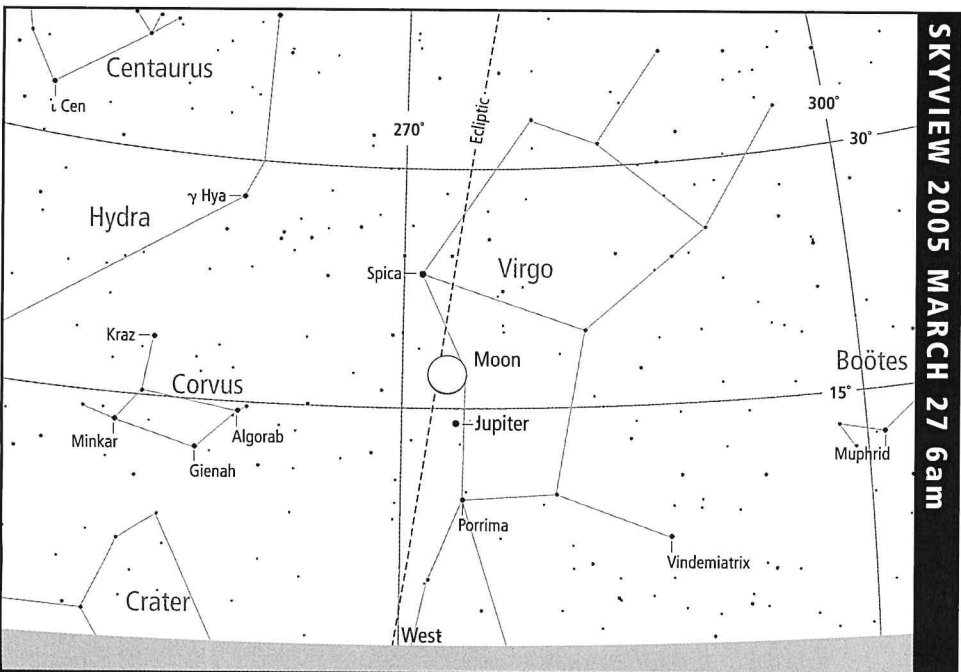
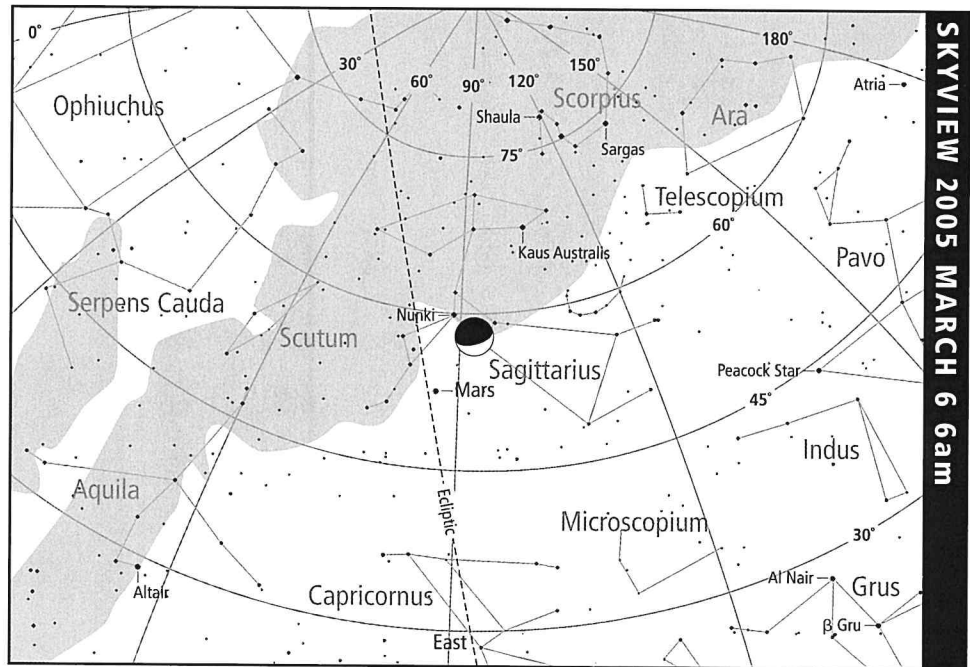
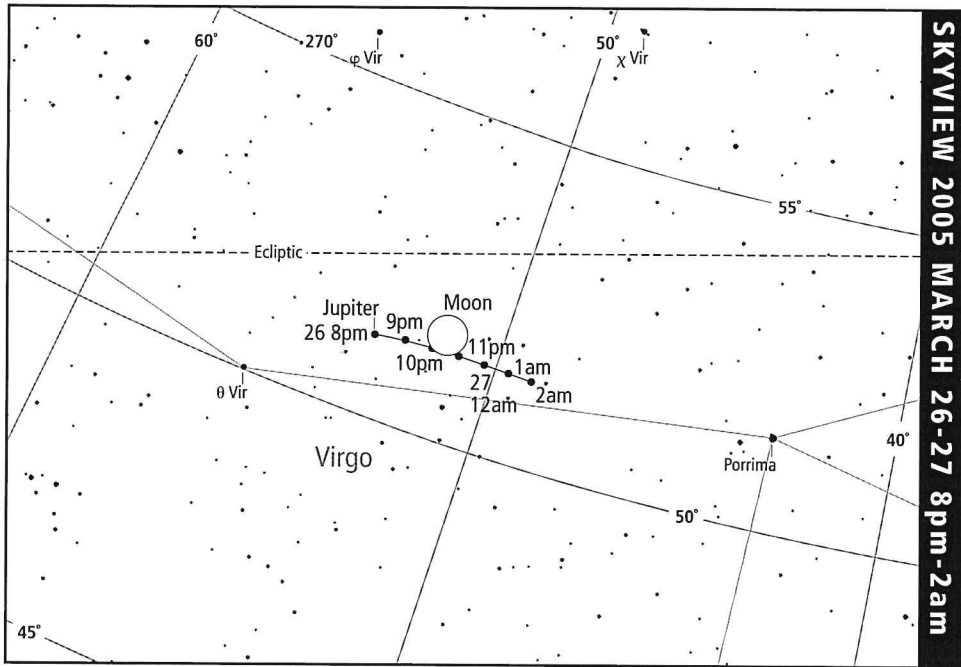


SATURN MOONS CONFIGURATIONS



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HIGHLIGHTS

Moon penumbral eclipse on the 24th.
Mercury visible in the mornings in the second half of the month, low in the east before civil twilight.
Mars visible in the eastern morning sky.
Jupiter at opposition and visible all night in constellation Virgo.
Saturn visible in the evening in constellation Gemini.

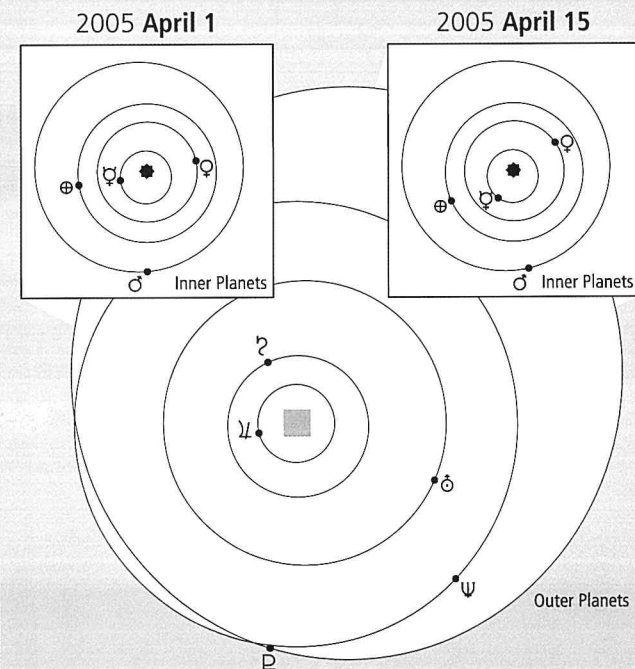
DIARY

Day	Hour	Event
2	09	Last Quarter
4	00	Jupiter at opposition
4	06	Mars 4° N. of Moon
4	19	Moon at perigee
7	22	Mercury 3° N. of Moon
9	05	New Moon
11	10	Mercury stationary
16	09	Saturn 5° S. of Moon
16	23	First Quarter
17	03	Moon at apogee
23	02	Jupiter 0.°6 N. of Moon
24	18	Full Moon – Penumbral Eclipse of the Moon
27	01	Mercury greatest elongation W. (27°)
27	07	Antares 0.°7 S. of Moon
29	18	Moon at perigee

SUN+MOON RISE/SET

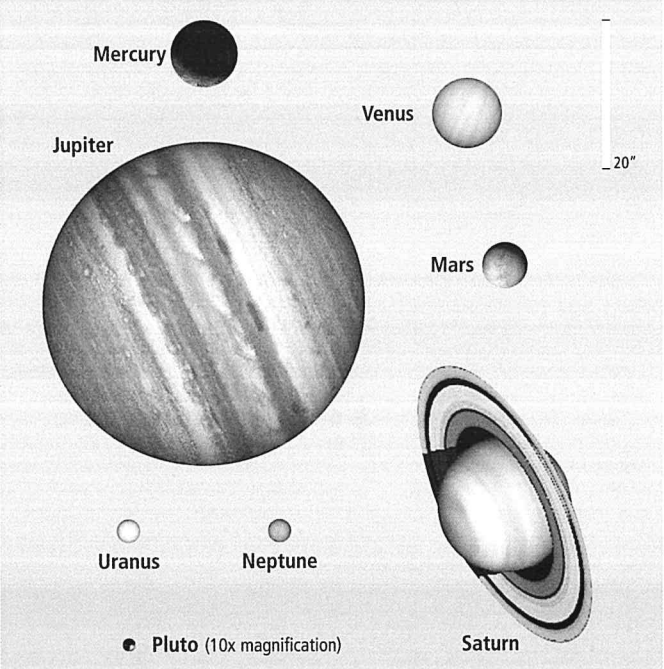
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30	0647	73	0525	1214	1740	287	1903	2257	1249	65

PLANET POSITIONS



☿ Mercury ⊕ Earth ♃ Jupiter ♅ Uranus ♇ Pluto
 ♀ Venus ♂ Mars ♄ Saturn ♆ Neptune

PLANET APPEARANCE



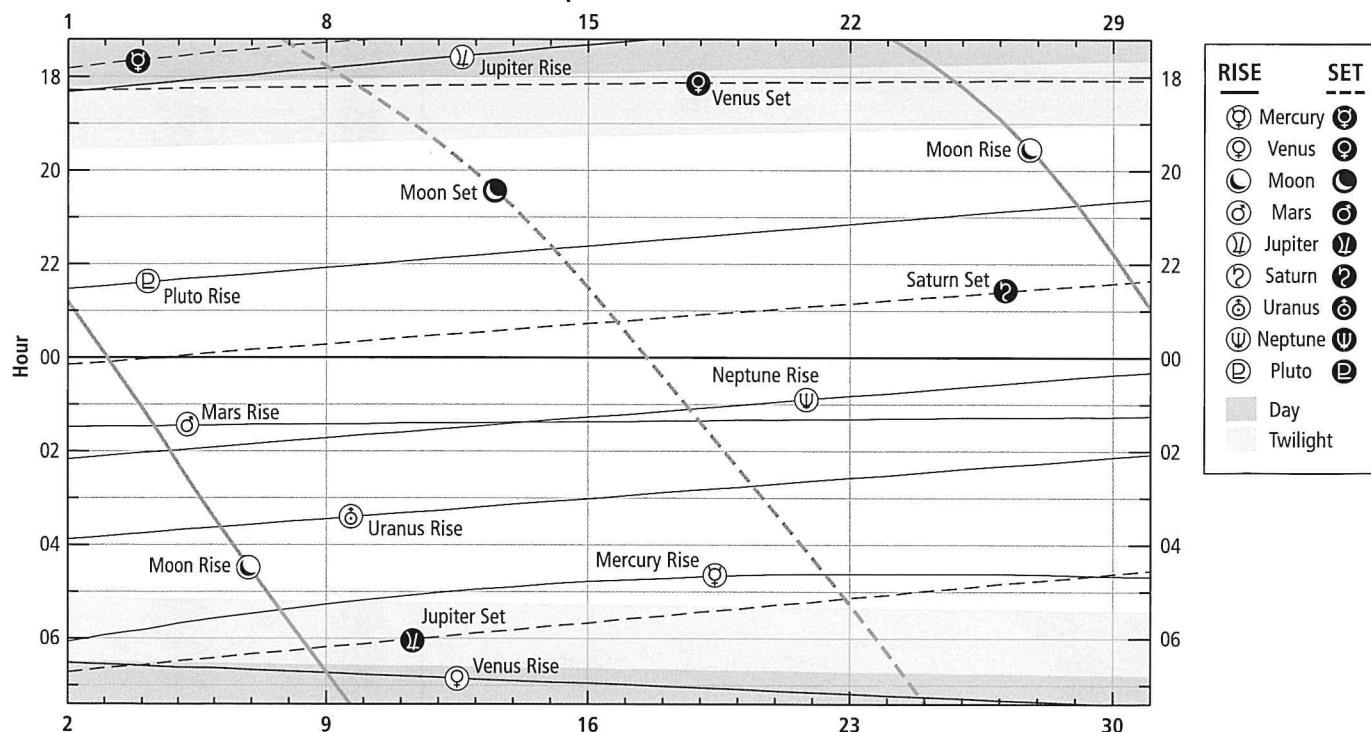
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PLANETS RISE/SET

DAY	MERCURY		VENUS		MARS		JUPITER		DAY	SATURN		URANUS		NEPTUNE		PLUTO	
	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m		Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m
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SOLAR SYSTEM RISE/SET

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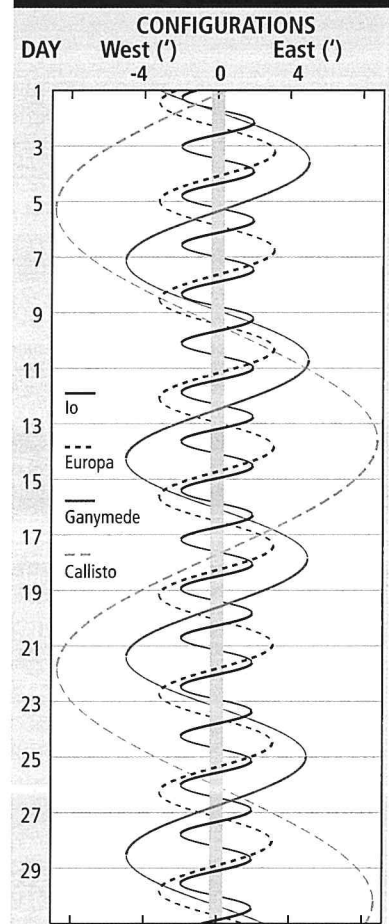


JUPITER MOONS + GREAT RED SPOT

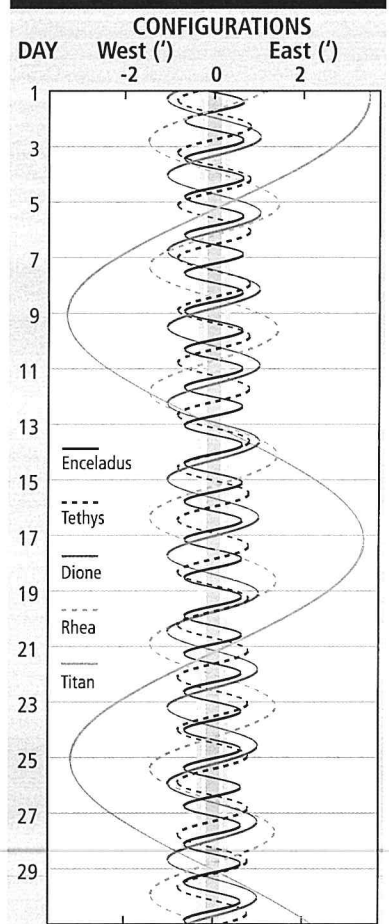
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1	1932 III Oc.R.	7	2232 I Sh.E.	14	2214 I Sh.I.	23	1809 I Tr.I.
1	2035 GRS	8	0128 GRS	15	0010 I Tr.E.	23	1837 I Sh.I.
2	0618 II Ec.D.	8	1942 I Ec.R.	15	0026 I Sh.E.	23	1841 GRS
2	0630 GRS	8	2030 III Oc.D.	15	0214 GRS	23	2020 I Tr.E.
3	0221 GRS	8	2120 GRS	15	1907 I Oc.D.	23	2048 I Sh.E.
3	2213 GRS	8	2327 III Ec.R.	15	2136 I Ec.R.	24	0437 GRS
4	0030 II Sh.I.	10	0306 GRS	15	2205 GRS	24	1759 I Ec.R.
4	0032 II Tr.I.	10	2258 GRS	15	2345 III Oc.D.	25	0048 GRS
4	0309 II Tr.E.	11	0247 II Tr.I.	16	0325 III Ec.R.	25	2020 GRS
4	0311 II Sh.E.	11	0306 II Sh.I.	16	1836 I Tr.E.	26	1840 III Sh.I.
5	0359 GRS	11	0524 II Tr.E.	16	1854 I Sh.E.	26	1902 III Tr.E.
5	0431 I Oc.D.	11	0547 II Sh.E.	17	0352 GRS	26	2114 III Sh.E.
5	1931 II Oc.D.	11	1849 GRS	17	2343 GRS	27	0206 GRS
5	2215 II Ec.R.	12	0444 GRS	18	0502 II Tr.I.	27	0215 II Oc.D.
5	2351 GRS	12	2145 II Oc.D.	18	1934 GRS	27	2158 GRS
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6	0152 I Sh.I.	13	0049 II Ec.R.	19	2359 II Oc.D.	28	2027 II Tr.I.
6	0400 I Tr.E.	13	0333 I Tr.I.	20	0121 GRS	28	2137 II Sh.I.
6	0404 I Sh.E.	13	0346 I Sh.I.	20	0323 II Ec.R.	28	2307 II Tr.E.
6	1942 GRS	13	0544 I Tr.E.	20	0517 I Tr.I.	29	0018 II Sh.E.
6	2257 I Oc.D.	13	2037 GRS	20	2112 GRS	29	0128 I Tr.I.
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7	2015 I Tr.I.	14	1832 II Tr.E.	21	1810 II Tr.I.	29	0345 GRS
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				21	2049 II Tr.E.	29	2237 I Oc.D.
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				22	2052 I Oc.D.	30	2206 I Tr.E.
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				22	2331 I Ec.R.		

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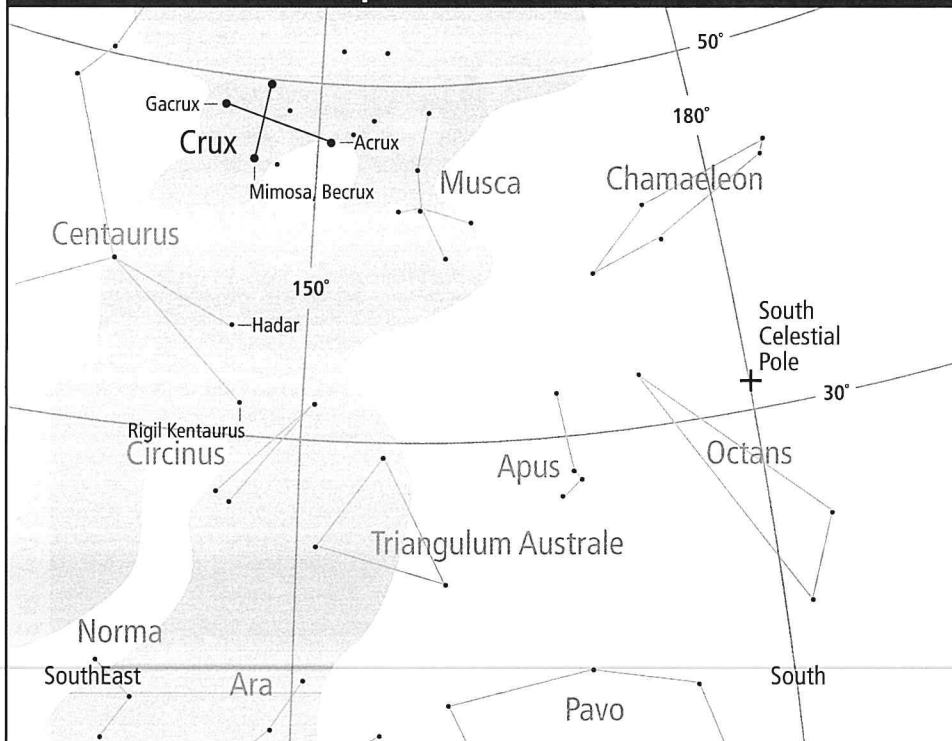
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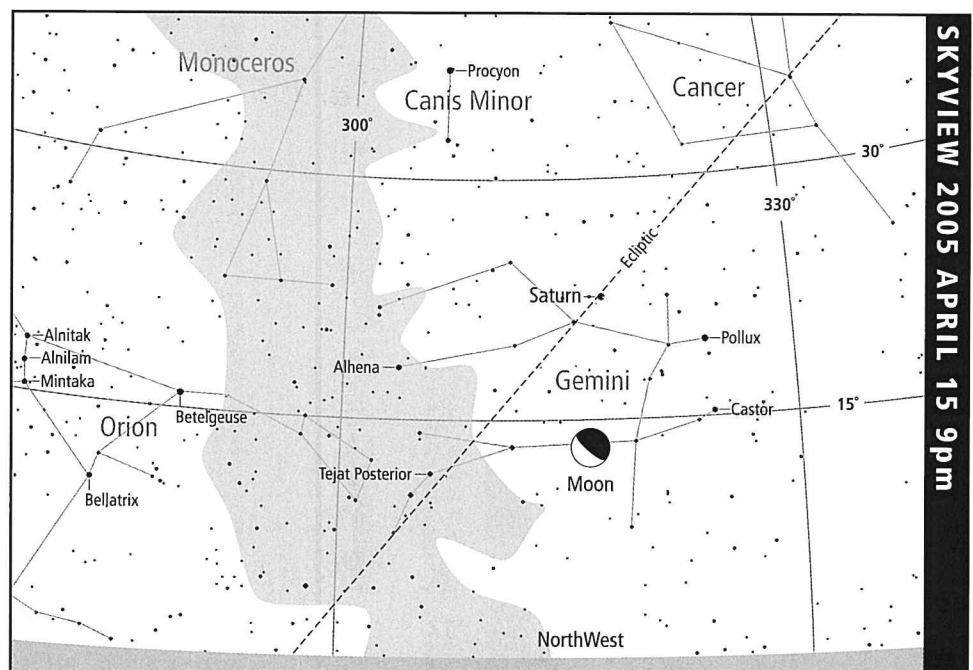
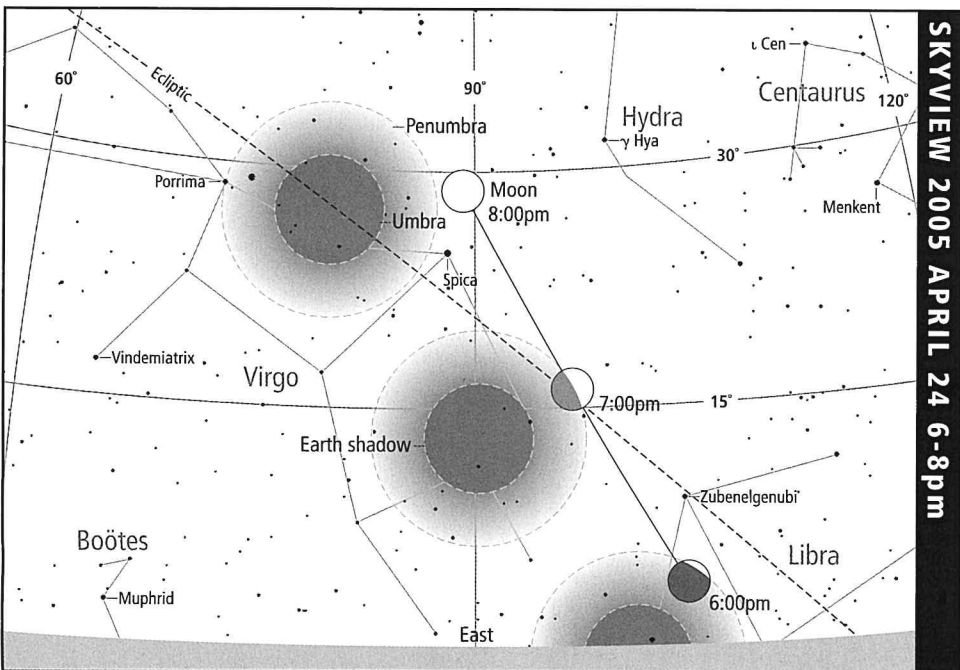
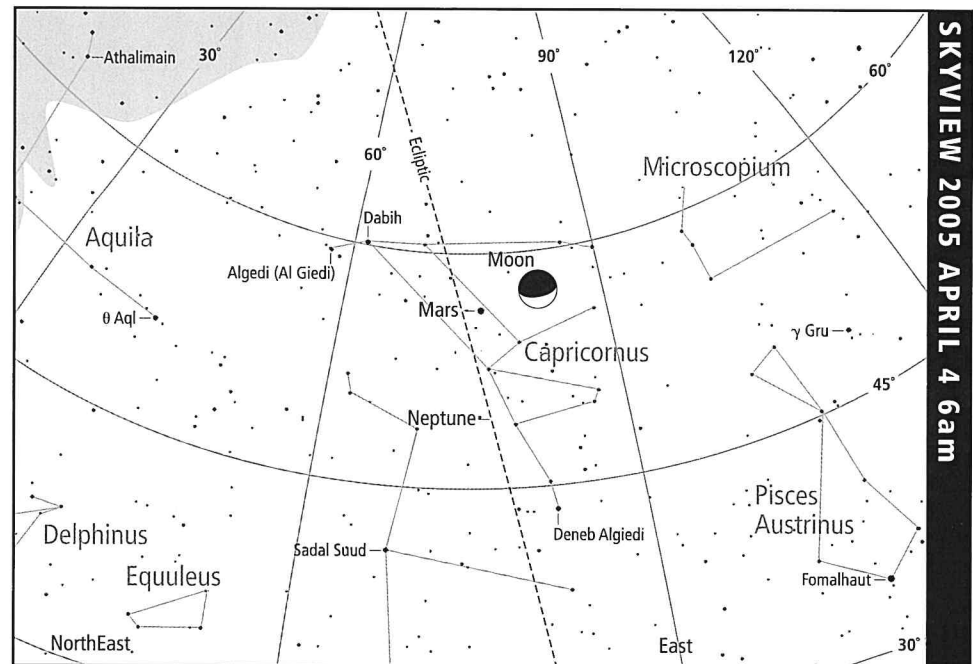
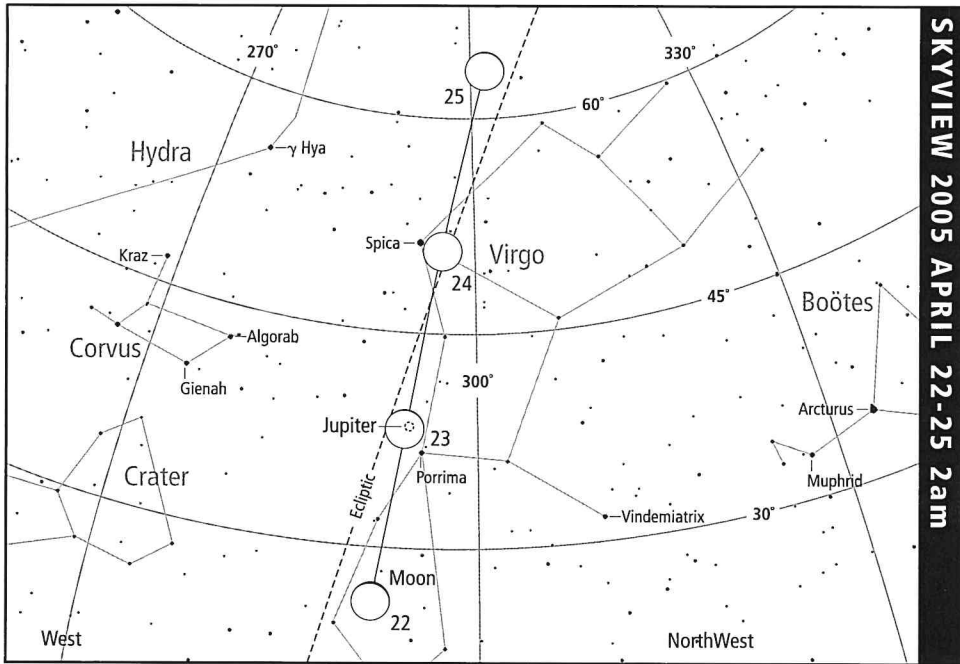


SATURN MOONS CONFIGURATIONS



SKYVIEW APRIL 15 8pm - SOUTHERN CROSS





HIGHLIGHTS

Mercury visible in the morning, low in the east before civil twilight.

Venus visible in the early evening sky.

Mars visible in the morning sky in the constellation Aquarius.

Jupiter visible in the evening and sets well after midnight in constellation Virgo.

Saturn visible in the early evening northwest sky in constellation Gemini.

DIARY

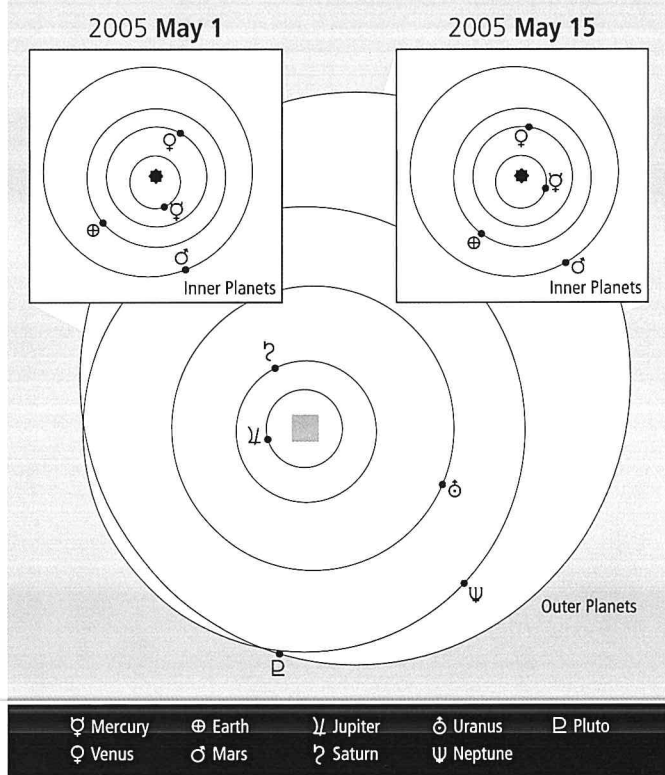
Day Hour

1	14	Last Quarter
2	23	Mars 3° N. of Moon
4		Maximum activity of eta-Aquarid meteor shower
6	18	Mercury 3° S. of Moon
8	17	New Moon
13	21	Saturn 5° S. of Moon
14	22	Moon at apogee
16	17	First Quarter
19		Maximum activity of Sagittarid meteor shower
19	05	Venus 6° N. of Aldebaran
20	06	Jupiter 0.°4 N. of Moon
24	04	Full Moon
24	16	Antares 0.°8 S. of Moon
26	19	Moon at perigee
30	20	Last Quarter
31	13	Saturn 7° S. of Pollux
31	17	Mars 0.°5 N. of Moon

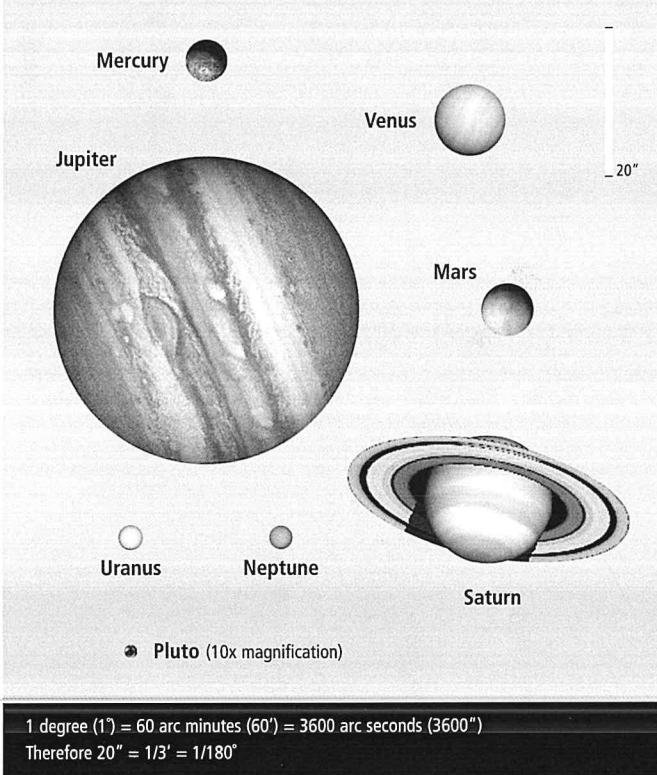
SUN+MOON RISE/SET

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3	0650	72	0526	1213	1737	288	1900	0116	1449	31
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PLANET POSITIONS



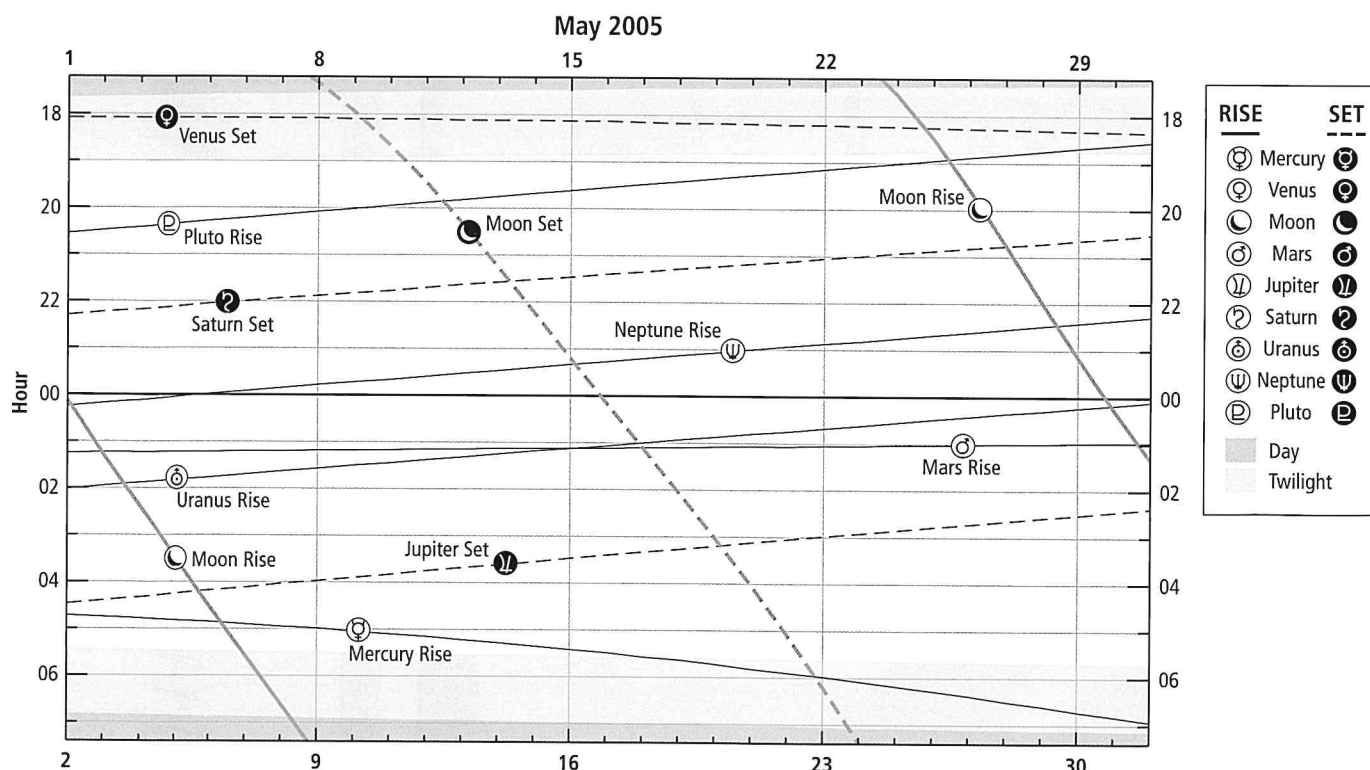
PLANET APPEARANCE



PLANETS RISE/SET

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SOLAR SYSTEM RISE/SET



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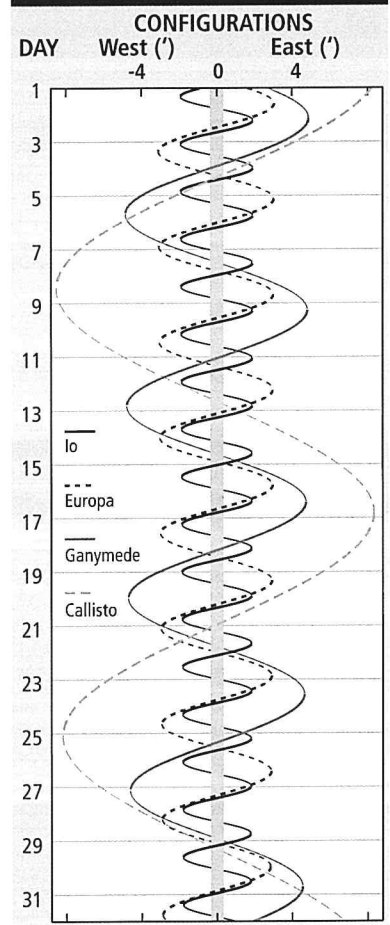
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3	1956 III Tr.I.	7	2352 I Tr.E.	15	0020 I Sh.I.	23	2043 I Sh.I.
3	2225 III Tr.E.	8	0037 I Sh.E.	15	0023 II Ec.R.	23	2128 II Sh.E.
3	2239 III Sh.I.	8	1850 I Oc.D.	15	0139 I Tr.E.	23	2154 I Tr.E.
4	0111 III Sh.E.	8	2149 I Ec.R.	15	0231 I Sh.E.	23	2254 I Sh.E.
4	0252 GRS	9	0150 GRS	15	2037 I Oc.D.	23	2324 GRS
4	2244 GRS	9	1818 I Tr.E.	15	2344 I Ec.R.	24	1916 GRS
5	1835 GRS	9	1905 I Sh.E.	16	0246 GRS	24	2007 I Ec.R.
5	2246 II Tr.I.	9	2151 GRS	16	1754 I Tr.I.	26	0103 GRS
6	0014 II Sh.I.	10	2321 III Tr.I.	16	1848 I Sh.I.	26	2054 GRS
6	0126 II Tr.E.	11	0152 III Tr.E.	16	1851 II Sh.E.	28	0241 GRS
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6	0314 I Tr.I.	11	0338 GRS	16	2100 I Sh.E.	28	2233 GRS
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7	0023 I Oc.D.	13	0251 II Sh.I.	18	0249 III Tr.I.	29	1824 GRS
7	0320 I Ec.R.	14	0108 GRS	19	0016 GRS	30	0015 I Oc.D.
7	1740 II Oc.D.	14	0210 I Oc.D.	19	2007 GRS	30	1909 II Tr.I.
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				21	2221 II Oc.D.	30	2343 I Tr.E.
				21	2317 III Ec.R.	31	0005 II Sh.E.
				22	0115 I Tr.I.	31	0011 GRS
				22	0214 I Sh.I.	31	0048 I Sh.E.
				22	0257 II Ec.R.	31	1843 I Oc.D.
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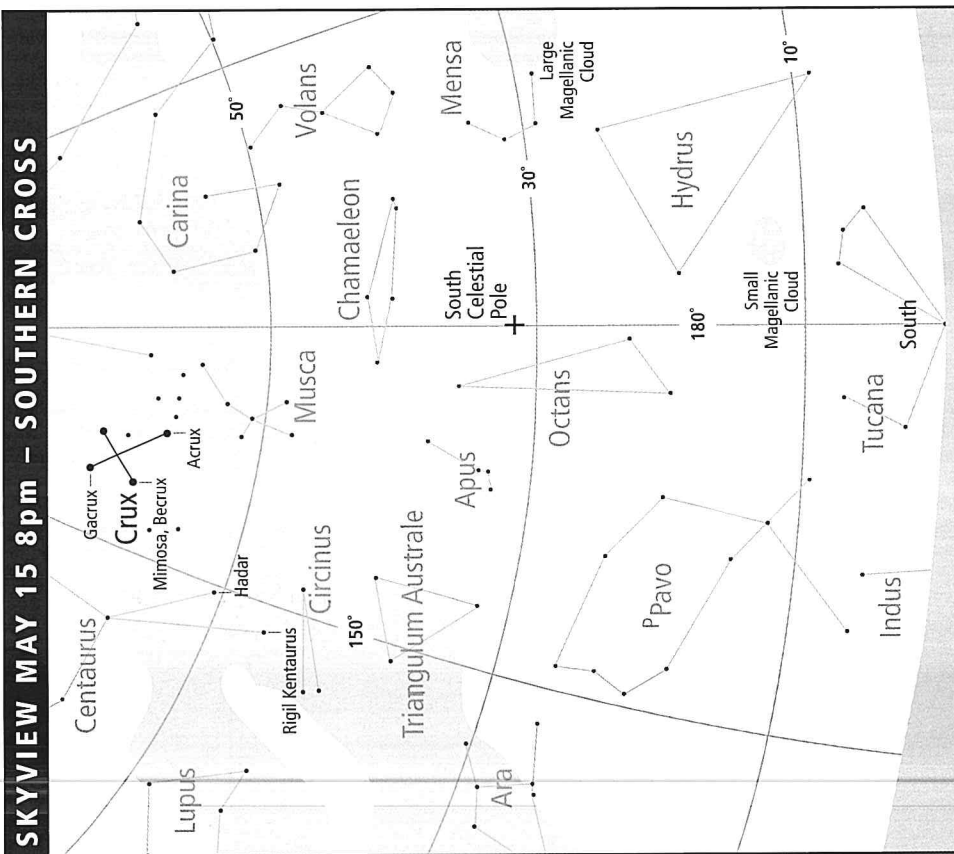
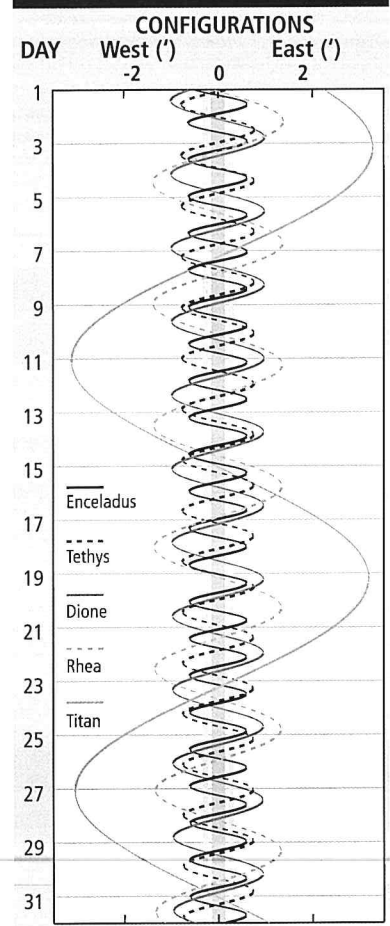
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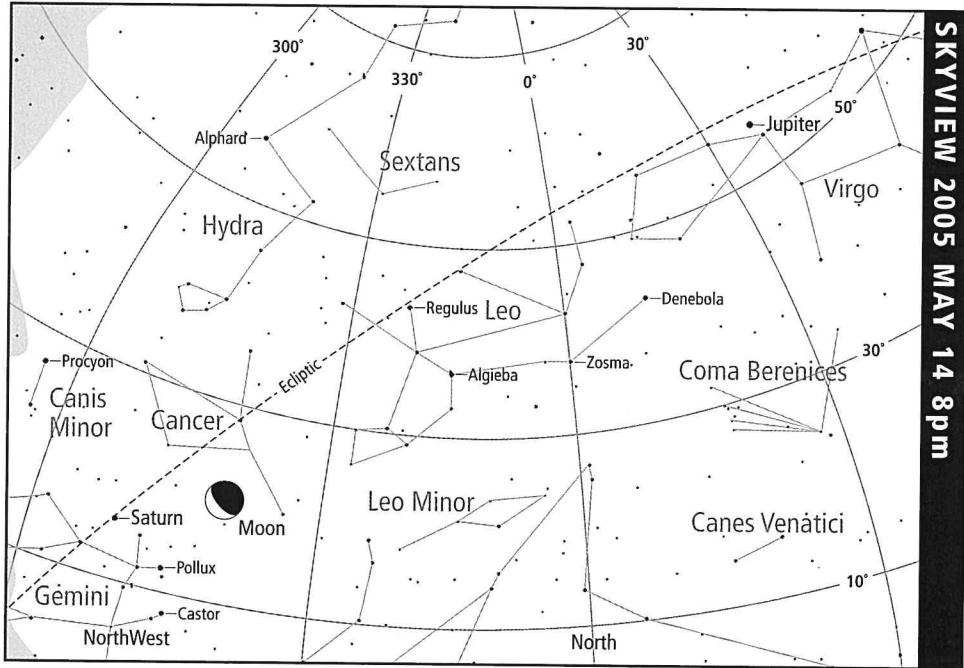
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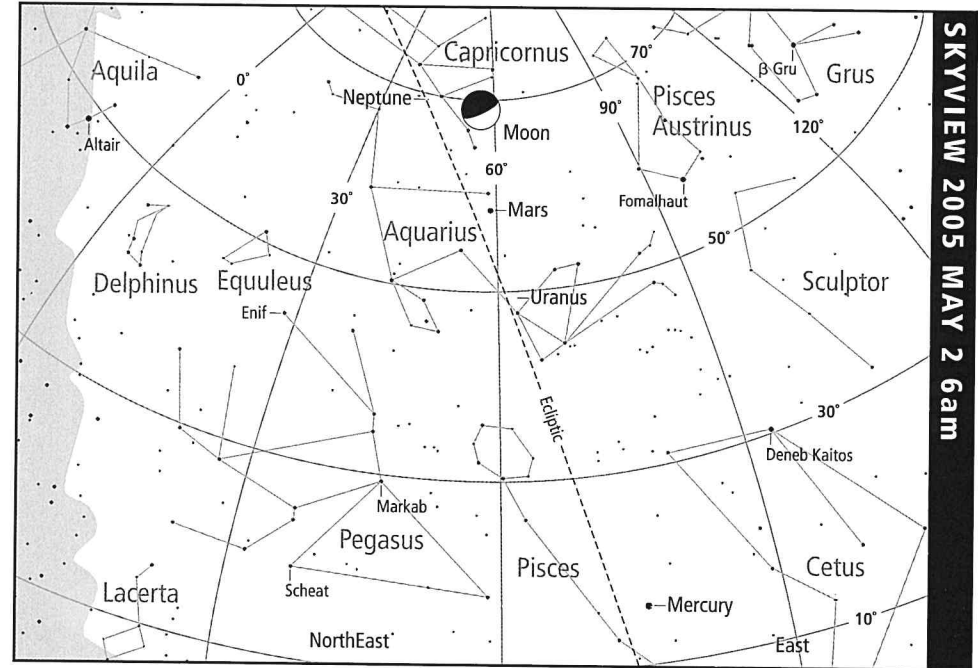


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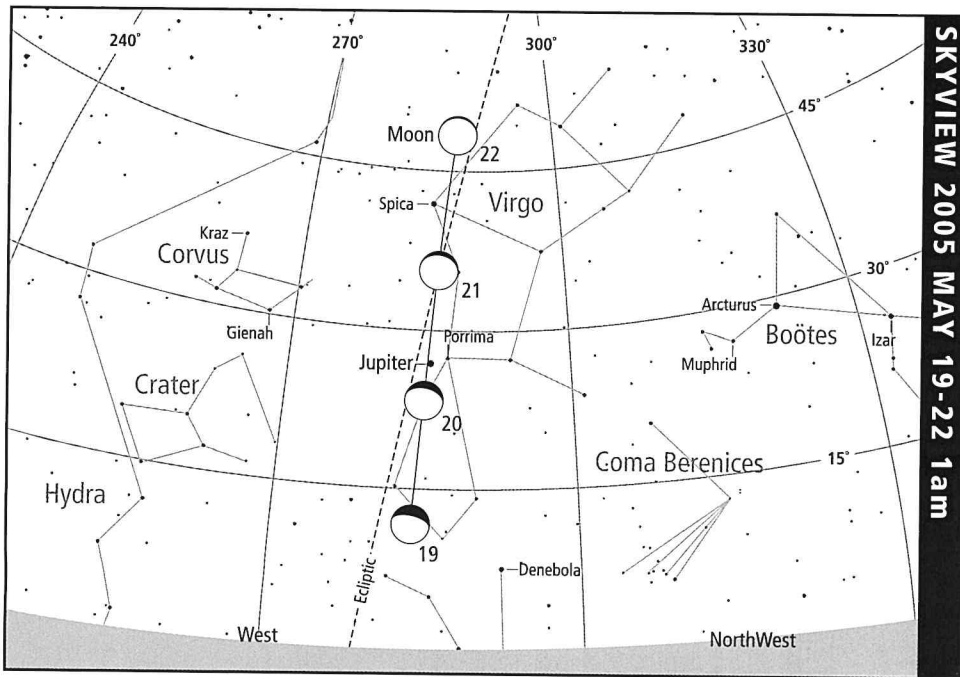




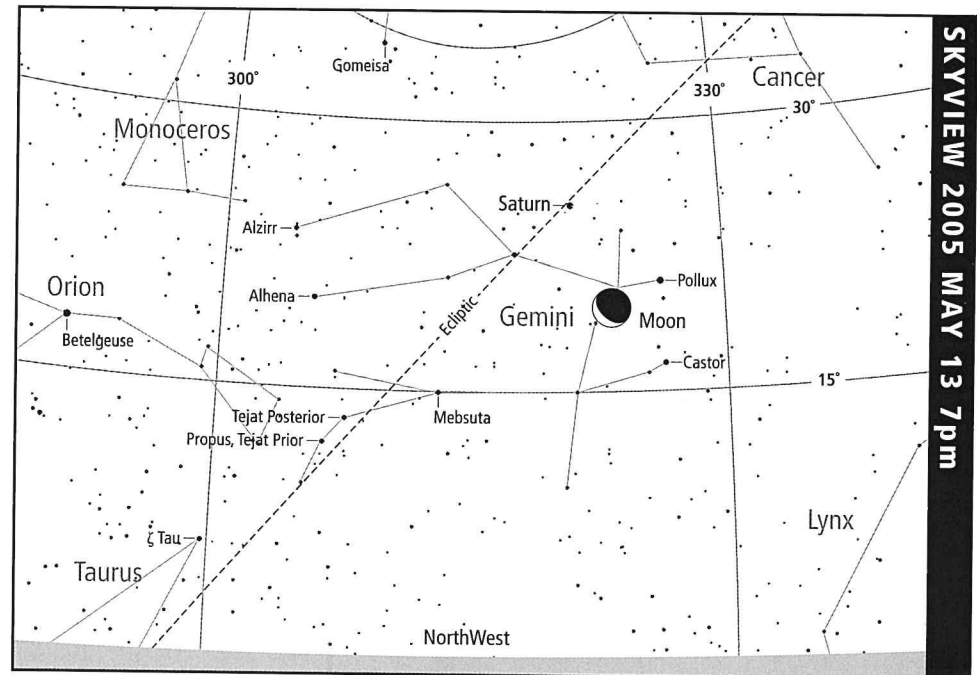
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SKYVIEW 2005 MAY 13 7pm

HIGHLIGHTS

Mercury visible evenings from mid month, low in West-NW around end of civil twilight.

Venus easily visible in the western evening sky. Conjunction with Mercury on the 28th.

Mars visible in the morning sky in Pisces.

Jupiter visible in the evening. Occultation by Moon on 16th around 1500 visible from northern Australia. Around this time Jupiter may be visible to the unaided eye close to the Moon (**Do NOT look at the Sun**).

SATURN visible in the northwest sky early in the evening in Gemini. Conjunctions with Venus and Mercury on the 26th.

DIARY

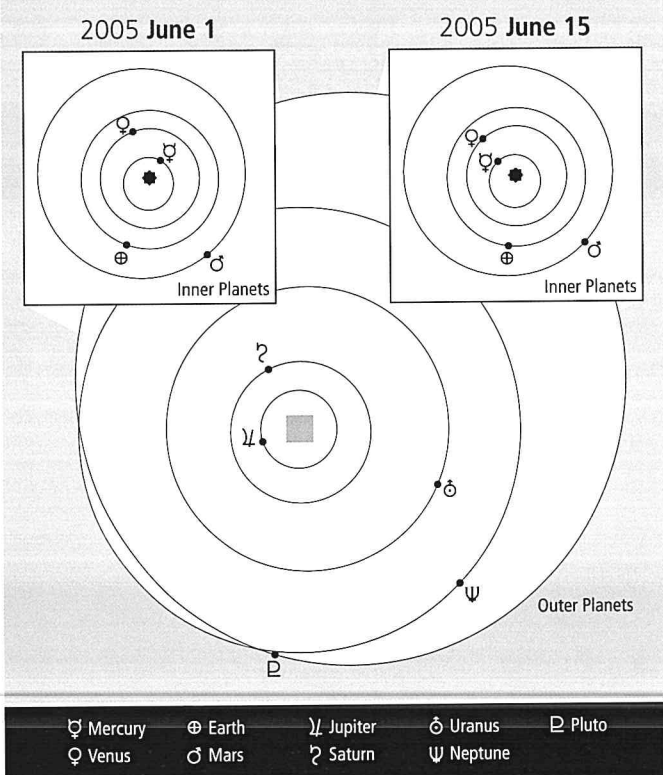
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3	17	Mercury in superior conjunction
6	06	Jupiter stationary
7	06	New Moon
8	20	Venus 4° S. of Moon
10	10	Saturn 5° S. of Moon
11	14	Moon at apogee
14	11	Pluto at opposition
15	09	First Quarter
16	15	Jupiter 0.4° N. of Moon - Occultation
21	02	Antares 0.7° S. of Moon
21	15	Solstice
22	12	Full Moon
23	20	Moon at perigee
23	20	Venus 5° S. of Pollux
24	16	Mercury 5° S. of Pollux
26	05	Venus 1.93° N. of Saturn - Conjunction
26	14	Mercury 1.4° N. of Saturn - Conjunction
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29	02	Last Quarter
29	12	Mars 2° S. of Moon

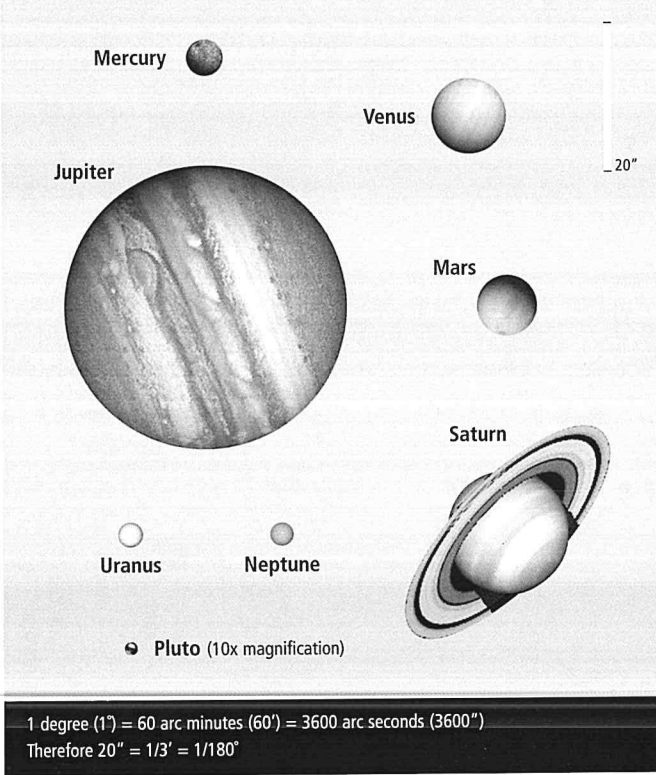
SUN+MOON RISE/SET

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PLANET POSITIONS



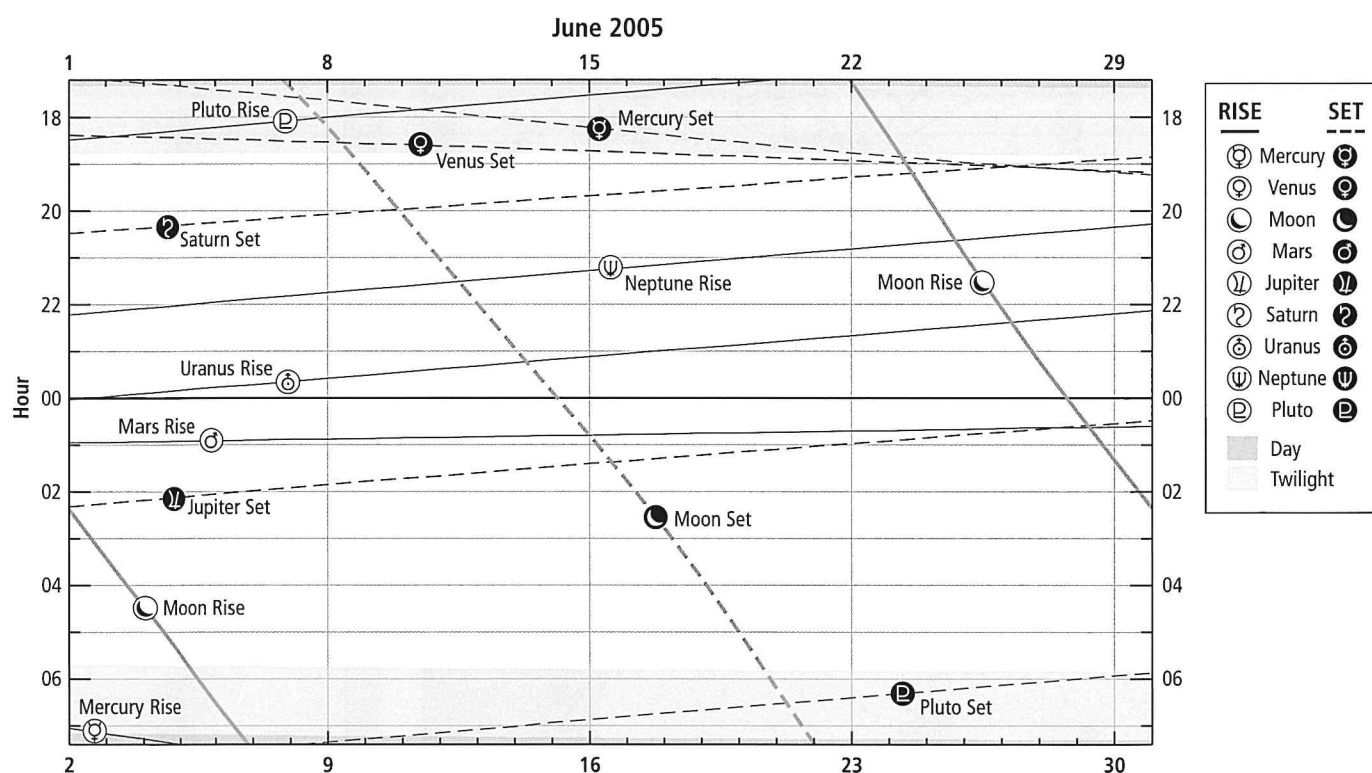
PLANET APPEARANCE



PLANETS RISE/SET

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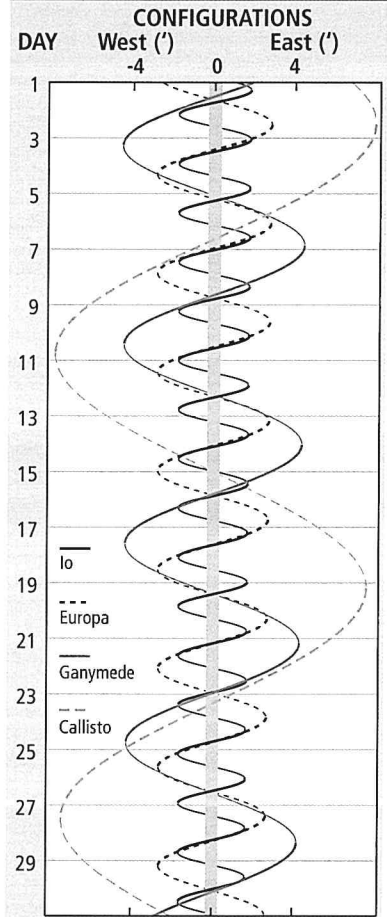
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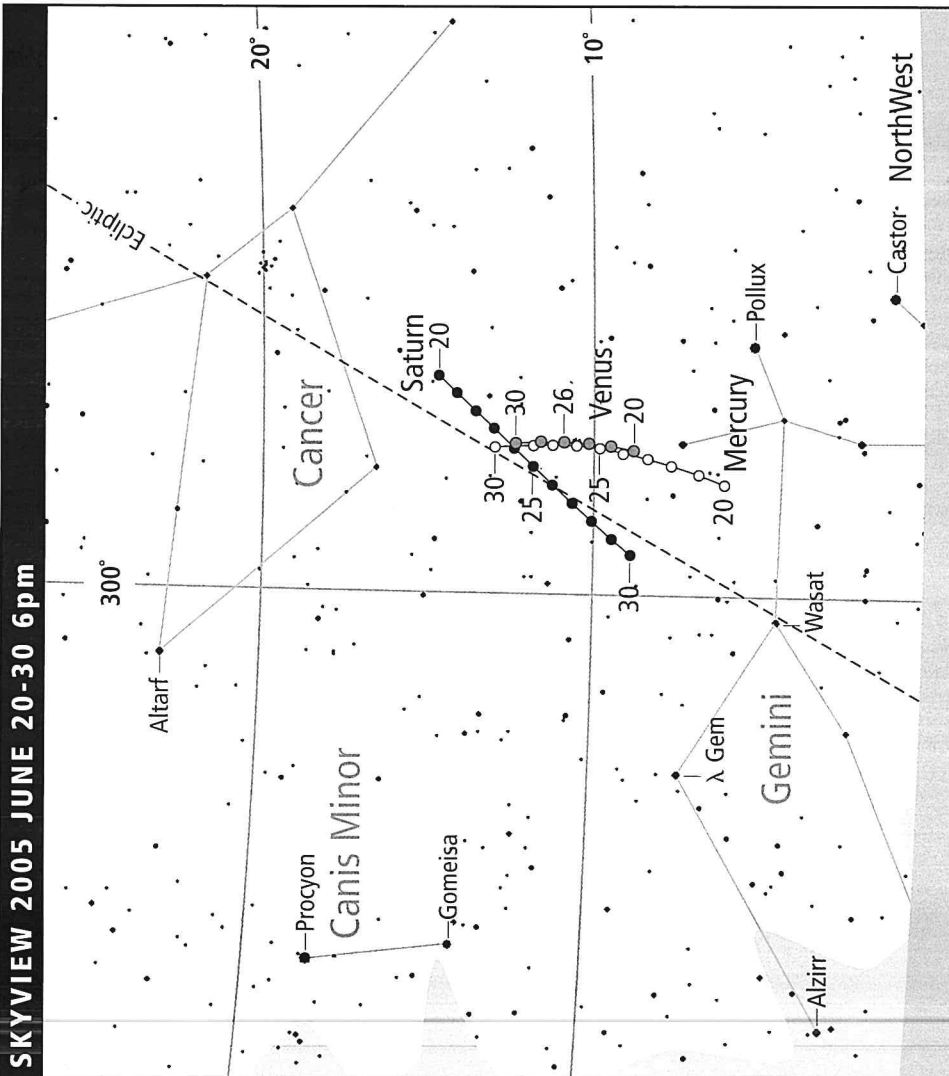
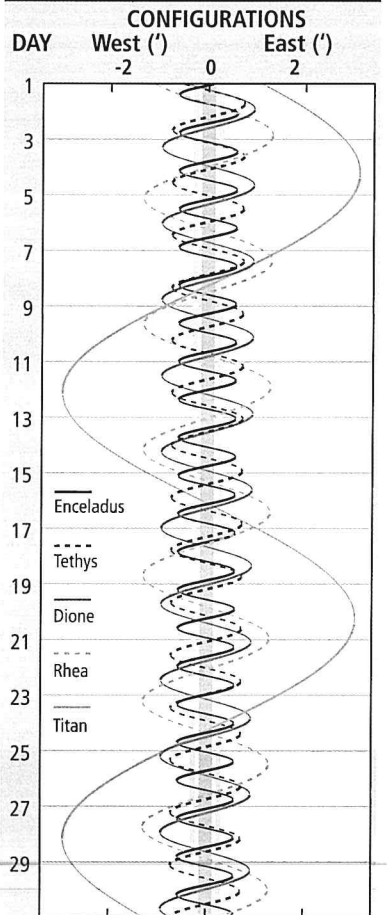
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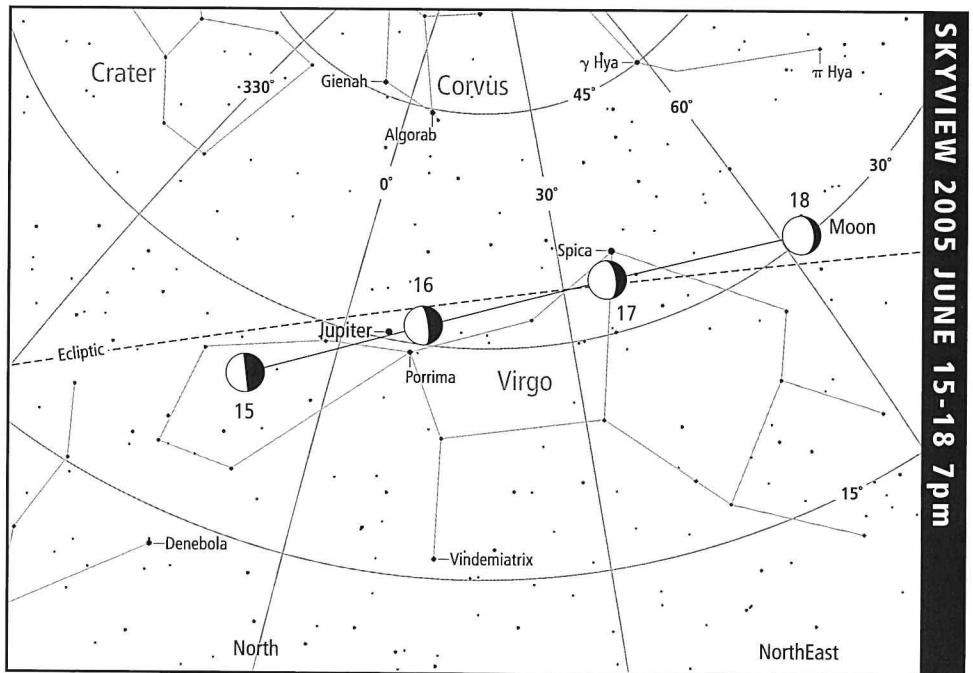
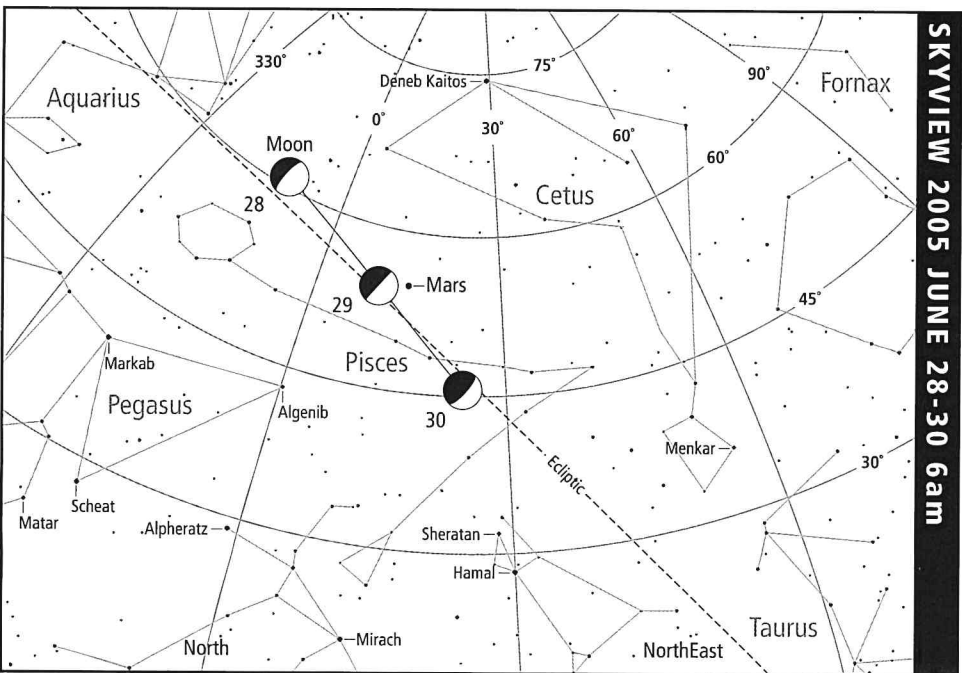
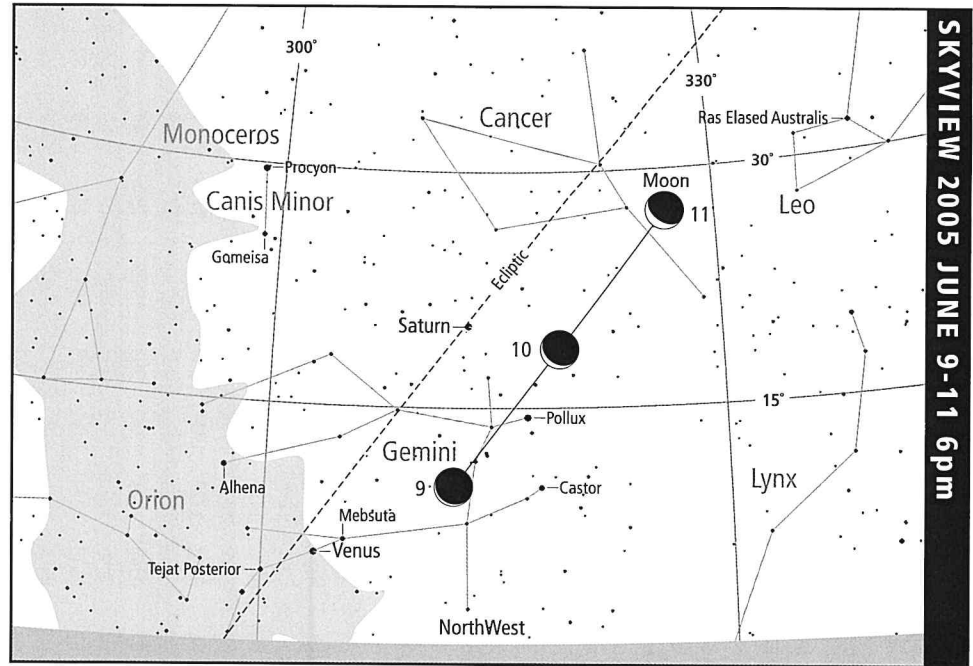
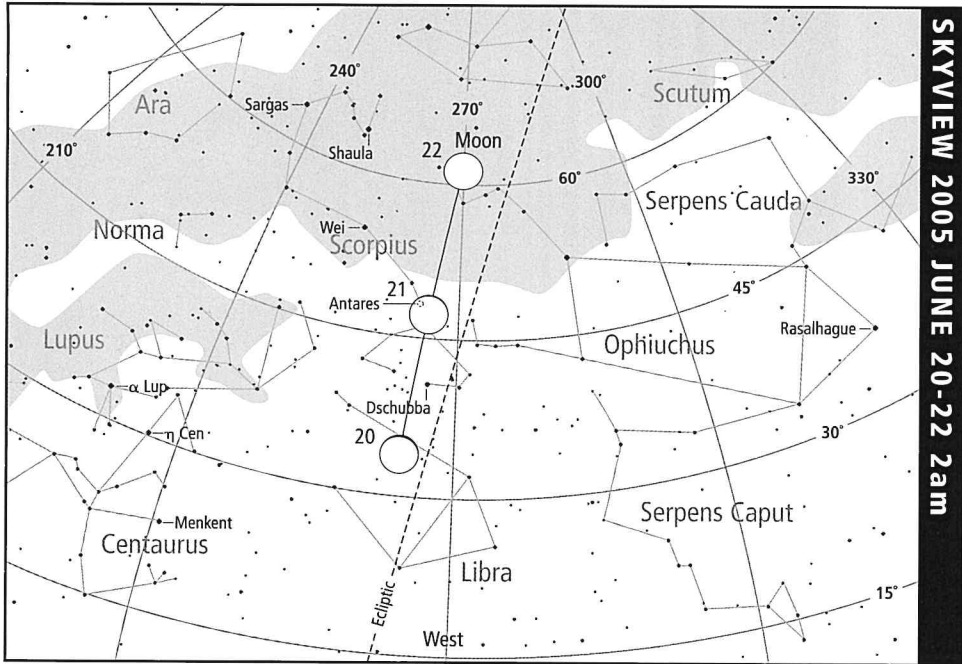
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JUPITER MOONS



SATURN MOONS





HIGHLIGHTS

Mercury visible in the evening, low in the west-northwest after civil twilight.

Venus easily visible in the early evening western sky. Conjunction with Mercury on the 7th.

Mars rises after midnight in Pisces.

Jupiter visible in the evening in Virgo.

DIARY

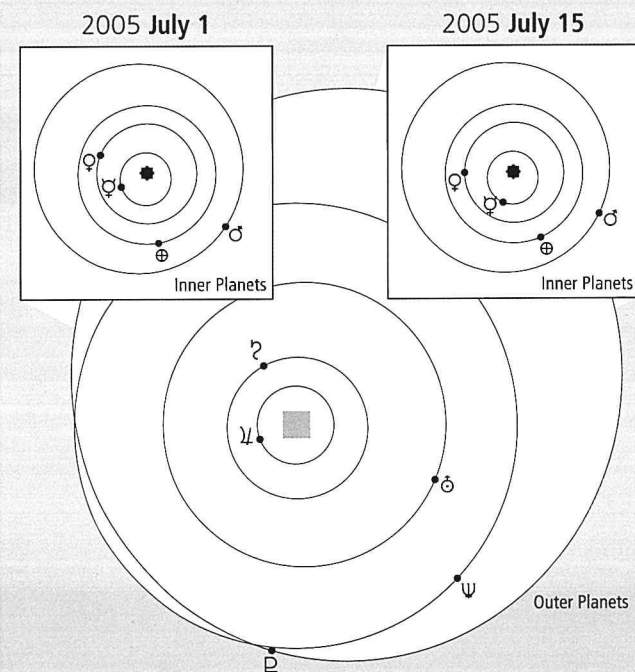
Day Hour

5	13	Earth at aphelion
6	20	New Moon
7	16	Mercury 1.°6 S. of Venus - Conjunction
9		Maximum activity of Pegasid meteor shower
9	02	Mercury 5° S. of Moon
9	02	Moon at apogee
9	03	Venus 3° S. of Moon
9	11	Mercury greatest elongation E. (26°)
14	02	Jupiter 0.°8 N. of Moon
14	23	First Quarter
18	12	Antares 0.°6 S. of Moon
21	19	Full Moon
22	04	Moon at perigee
22	13	Mercury stationary
22	23	Venus 1.°2 N. of Regulus
24	01	Saturn in conjunction with Sun
27		Maximum activity of Piscis Austrinid meteor shower
28		Maximum activity of delta-Aquarid S. meteor shower
28	04	Mars 4° S. of Moon
28	11	Last Quarter
29		Maximum activity of alpha-Capricornid meteor shower

SUN+MOON RISE/SET

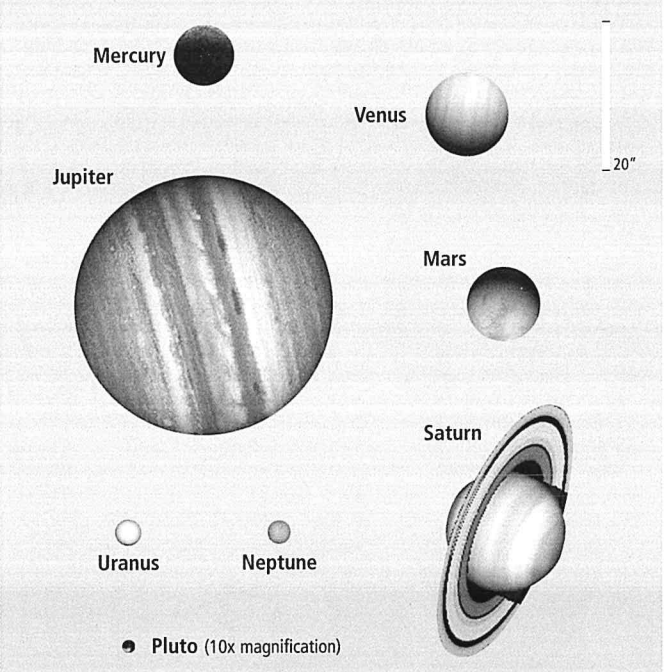
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PLANET POSITIONS



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PLANET APPEARANCE

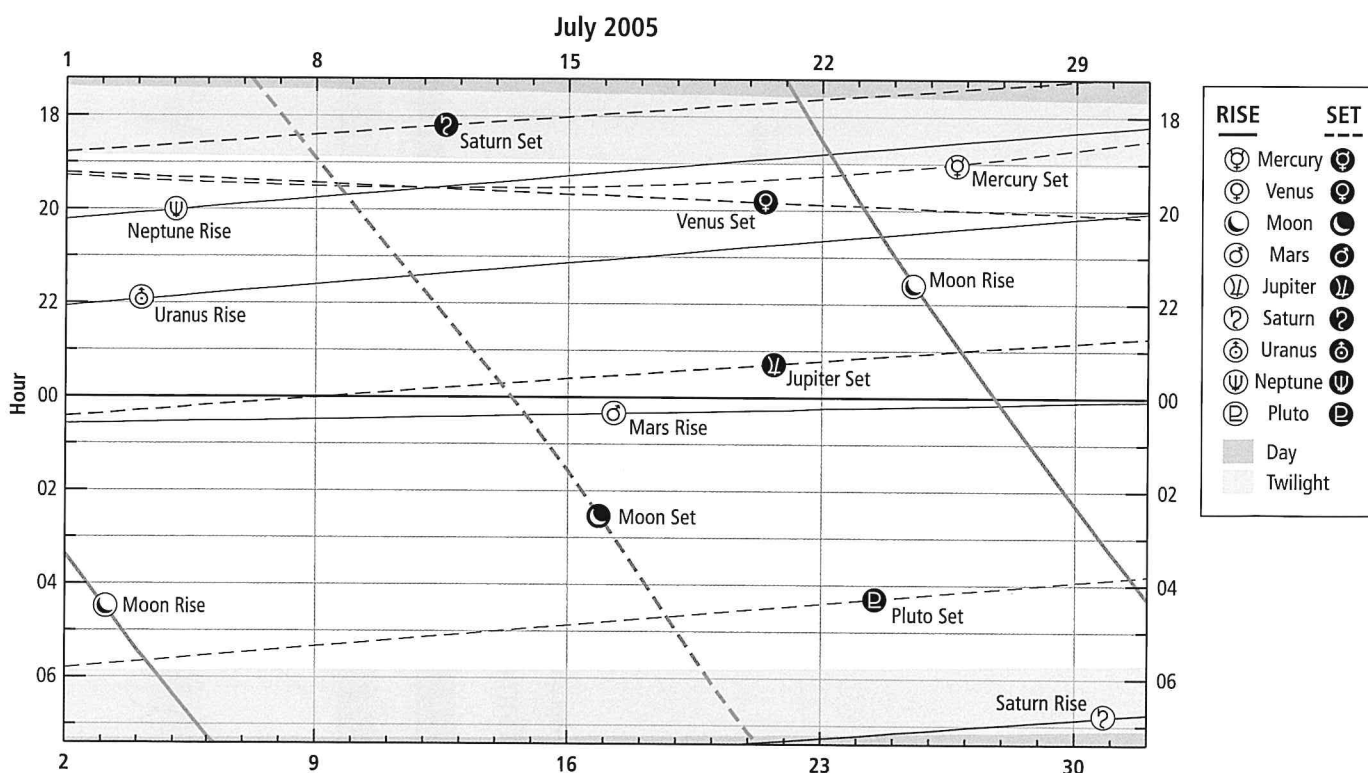


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PLANETS RISE/SET

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SOLAR SYSTEM RISE/SET



JUPITER MOONS + GREAT RED SPOT

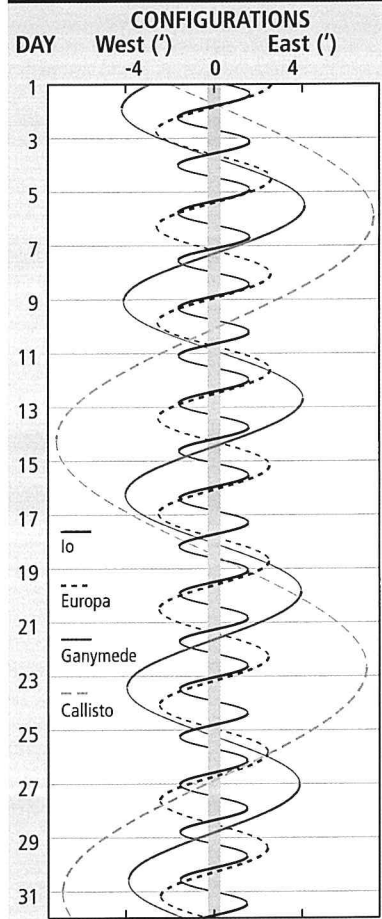
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				19	1826 II Sh.E.	31	2120 I Sh.I.
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				21	1830 III Sh.I.		

Moons: I Io III Ganymede
 II Europa IV Callisto

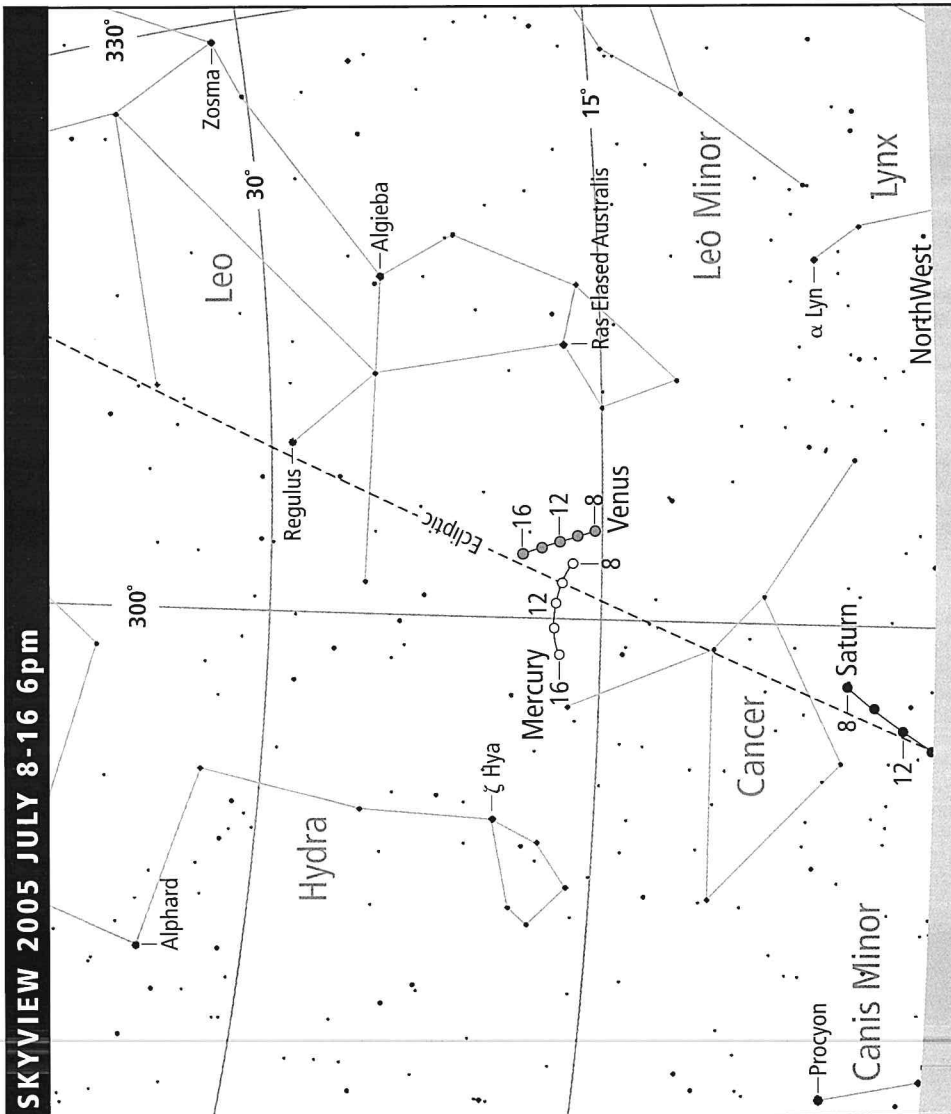
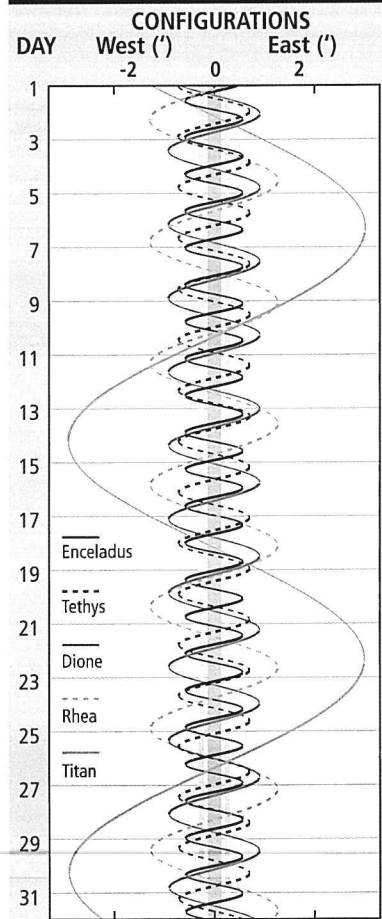
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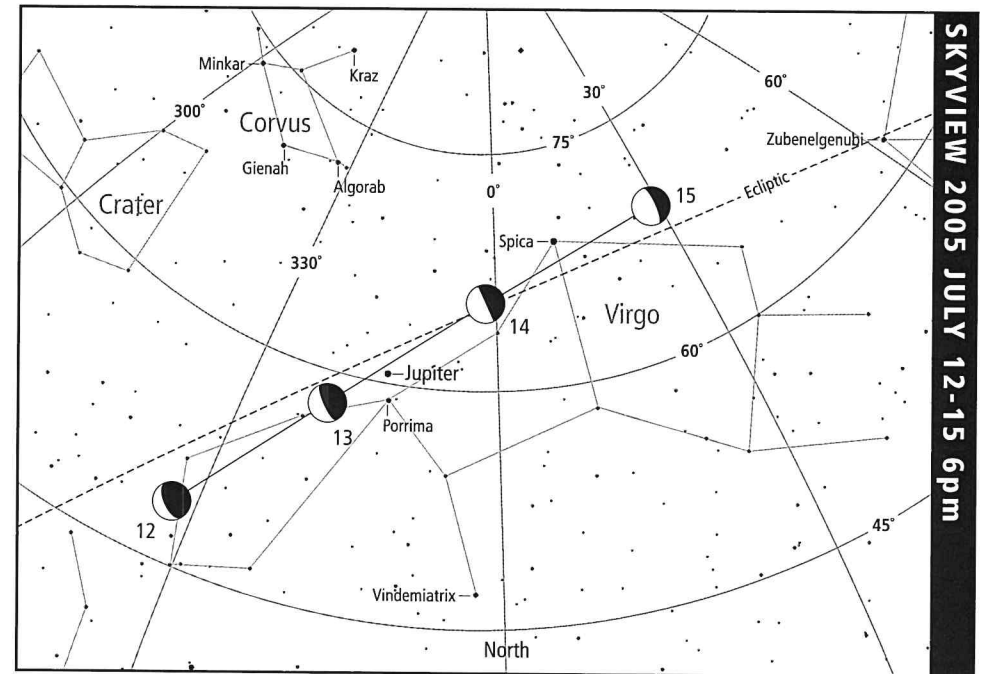
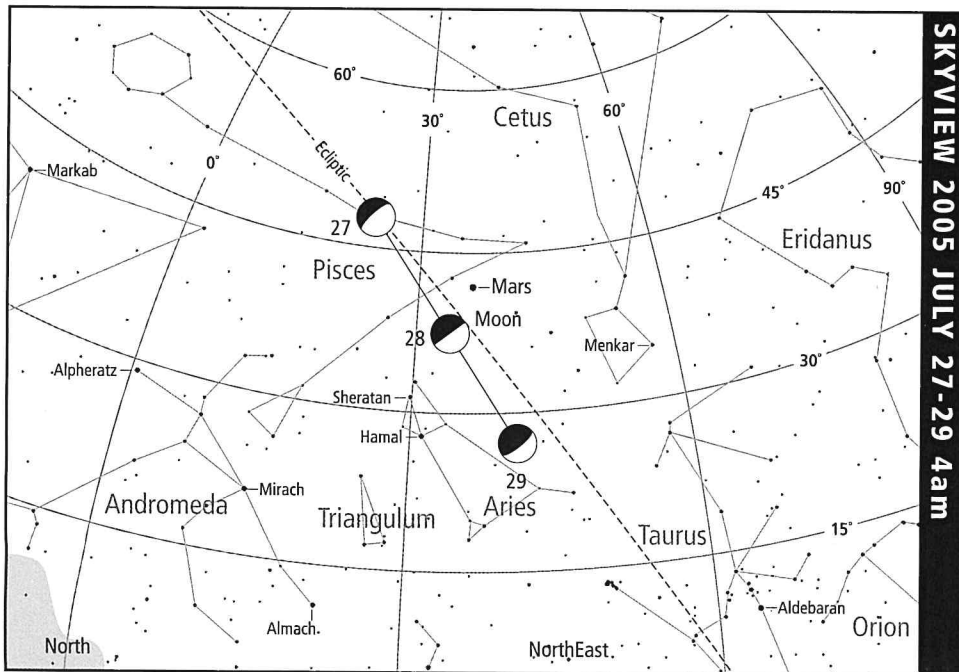
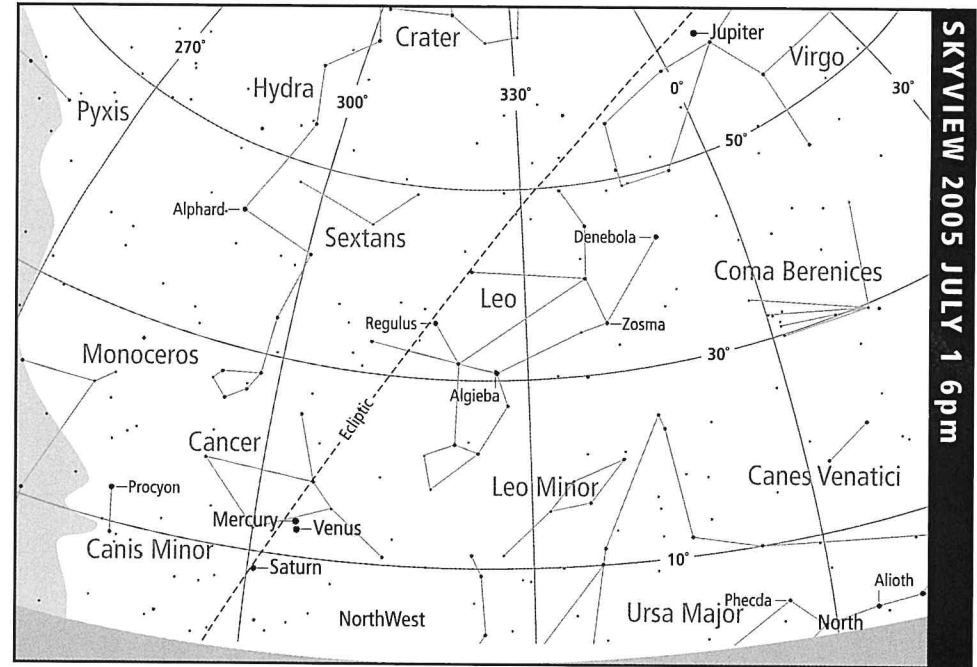
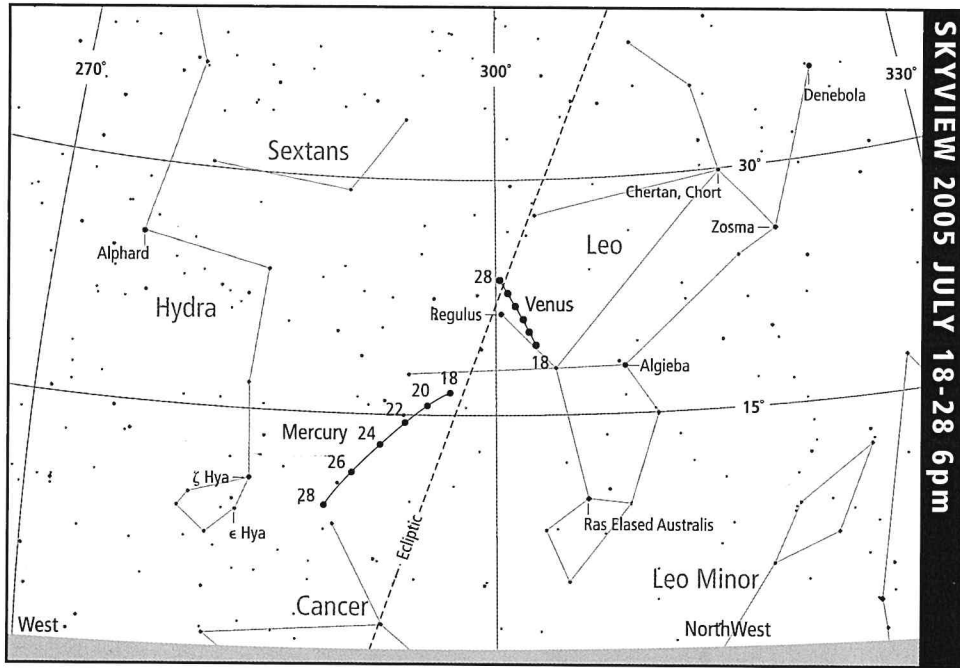
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JUPITER MOONS CONFIGURATIONS



SATURN MOONS CONFIGURATIONS





AUGUST 2005

HIGHLIGHTS

Mercury visible in the mornings in second half of month, low in the east before civil twilight.

Venus easily visible in the evening sky. On the 8th Venus may be visible to the unaided eye close to the Moon (**Do NOT look at the Sun**).

Mars rises around midnight.

Jupiter visible in the evening sky in constellation Virgo. On the 10th Jupiter may be visible to the unaided eye close to the Moon (**Do NOT look at the Sun**).

Saturn rises before sunrise in Cancer.

DIARY

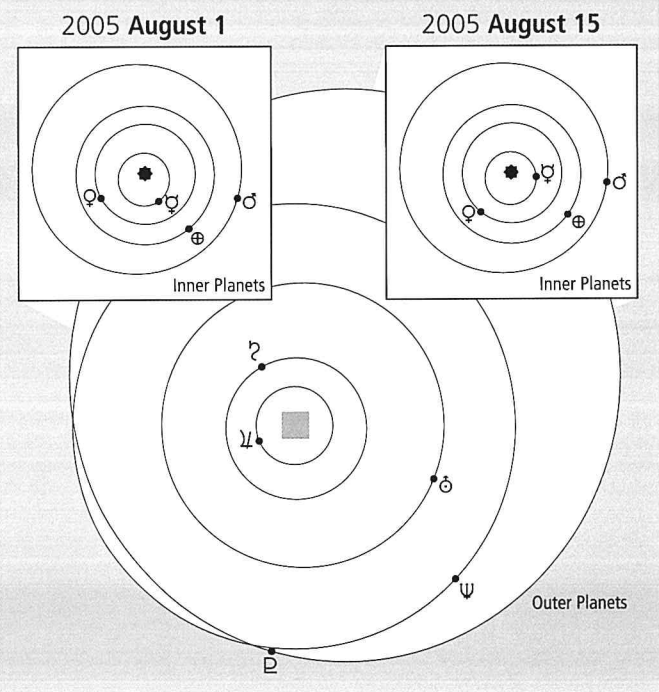
Day Hour

4		Maximum activity of iota-Aquarid S. meteor shower
5	06	Moon at apogee
5	11	New Moon
6	08	Mercury in inferior conjunction
8		Maximum activity of delta-Aquarid N. meteor shower
8	12	Venus 1.°2 S. of Moon
10	16	Jupiter 1.°3 N. of Moon
13	11	First Quarter
14	21	Antares 0.°4 S. of Moon
15	21	Mercury stationary
19		Maximum activity of iota-Aquarid N. meteor shower
19	14	Moon at perigee
20	02	Full Moon
24	07	Mercury greatest elongation W. (18°)
25	15	Mars 6° S. of Moon
26	23	Last Quarter

SUN+MOON RISE/SET

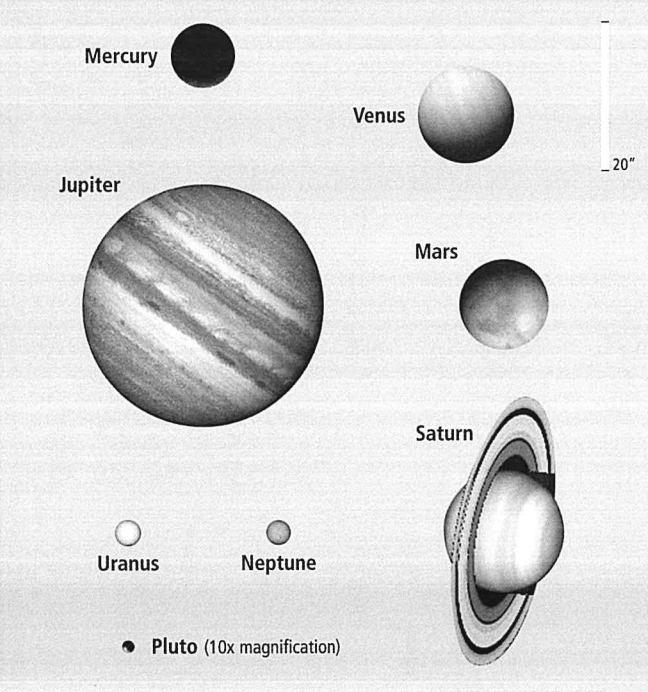
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PLANET POSITIONS



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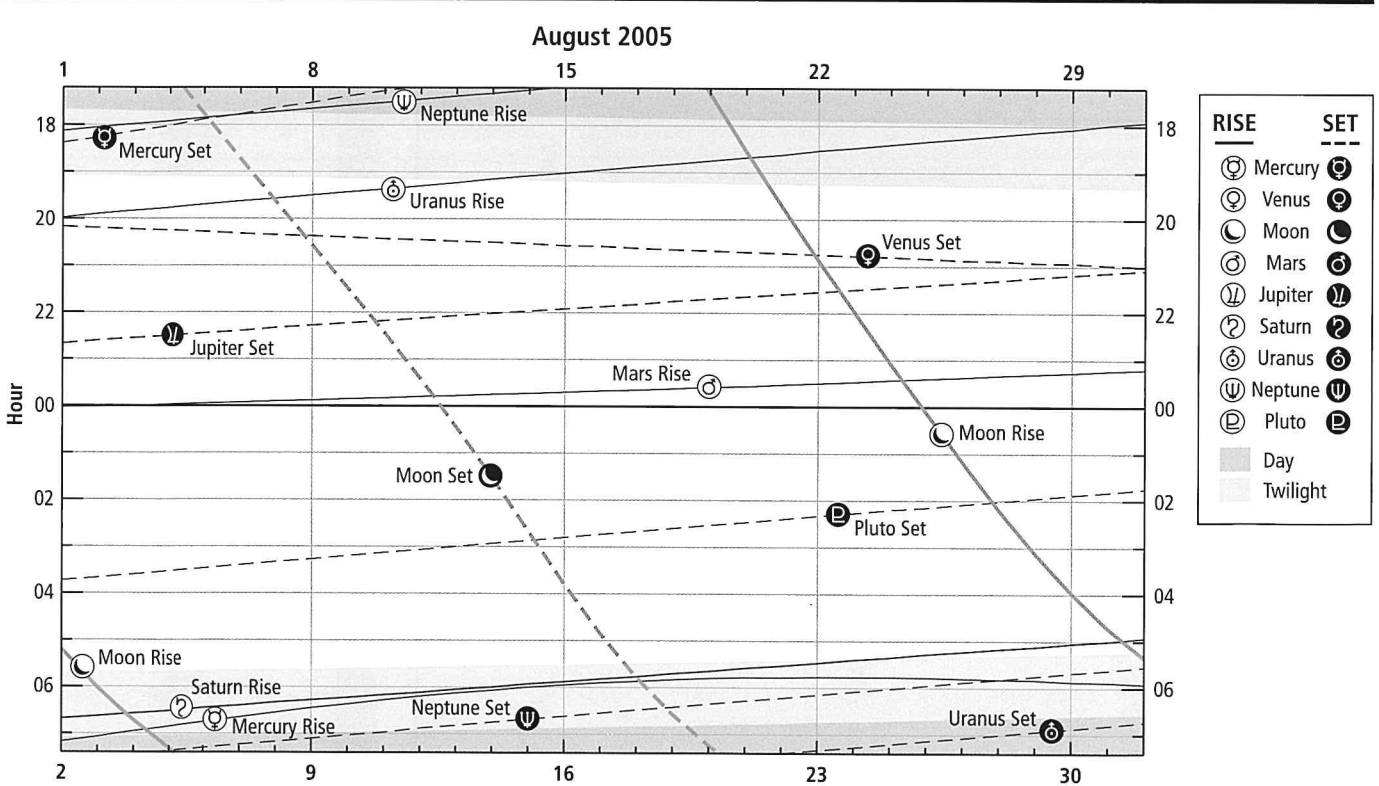


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PLANETS RISE/SET

DAY	MERCURY		VENUS		MARS		JUPITER		DAY	SATURN		URANUS		NEPTUNE		PLUTO	
	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m		Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m
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SOLAR SYSTEM RISE/SET



JUPITER MOONS + GREAT RED SPOT

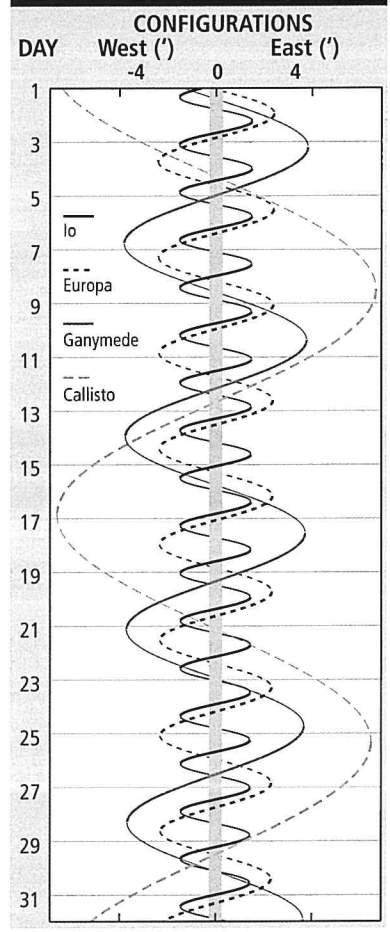
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1	2129 GRS	4	2147 III Tr.I.	9	1851 I Tr.E.	20	1811 II Sh.E.
2	1759 I Sh.E.	6	2039 GRS	9	1954 I Sh.E.	22	2044 III Oc.D.
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4	1758 II Ec.R.	8	2218 GRS	13	2128 GRS	24	2104 I Ec.R.
				15	1908 III Oc.R.	25	1812 I Sh.E.
				15	2041 III Ec.D.	25	2117 II Oc.D.
				15	2127 I Oc.D.	25	2128 GRS
				16	1838 I Tr.I.	27	1809 II Sh.I.
				16	1859 GRS	27	1905 II Tr.E.
				16	1938 I Sh.I.	27	2047 II Sh.E.
				16	2050 I Tr.E.	28	1858 GRS
				16	2148 I Sh.E.	30	2038 GRS
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Moons: I Io III Ganymede
 II Europa IV Callisto

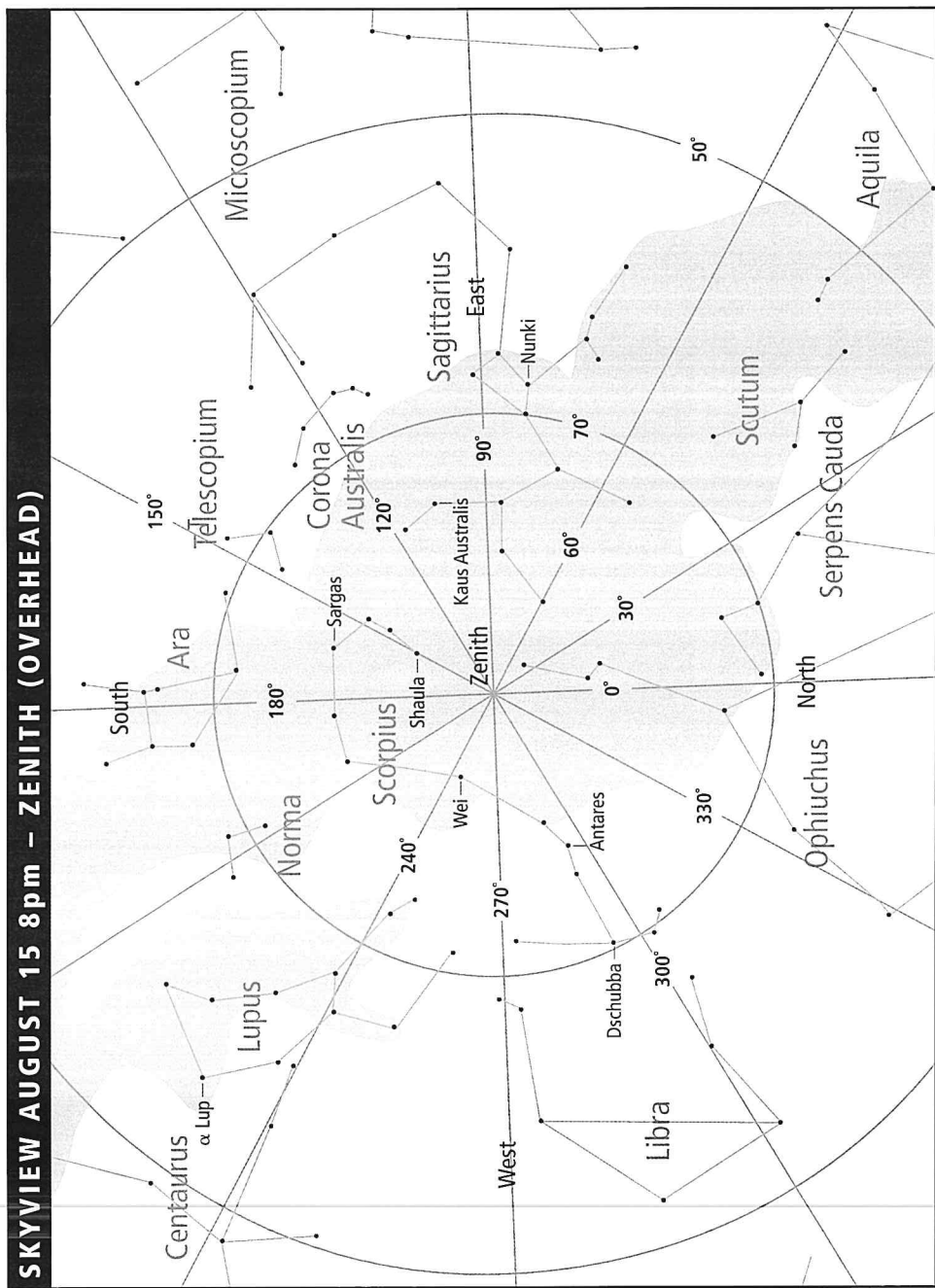
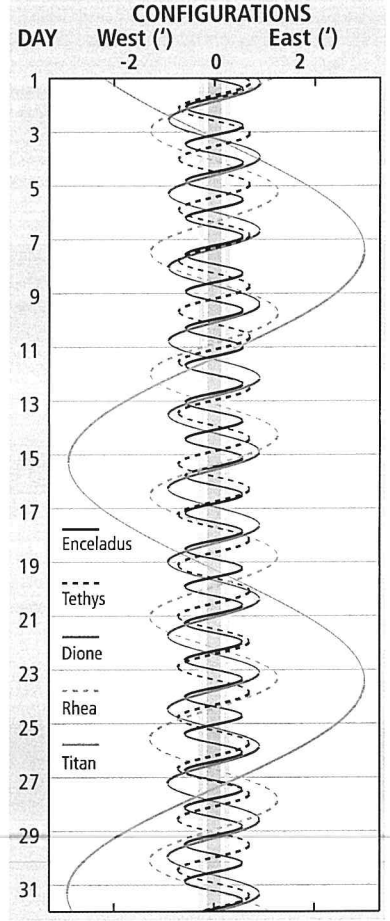
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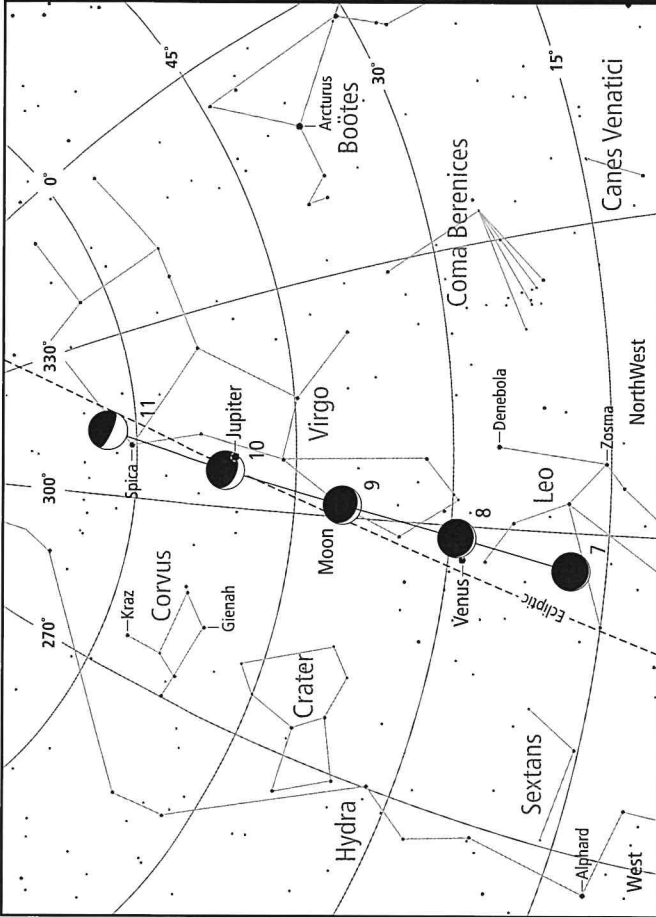
JUPITER MOONS CONFIGURATIONS



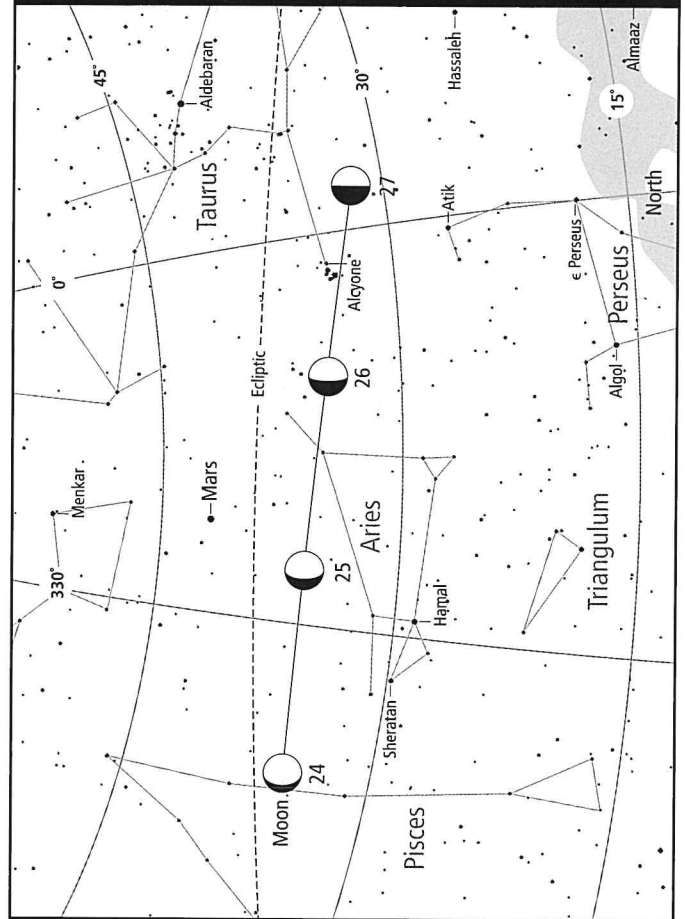
SATURN MOONS CONFIGURATIONS



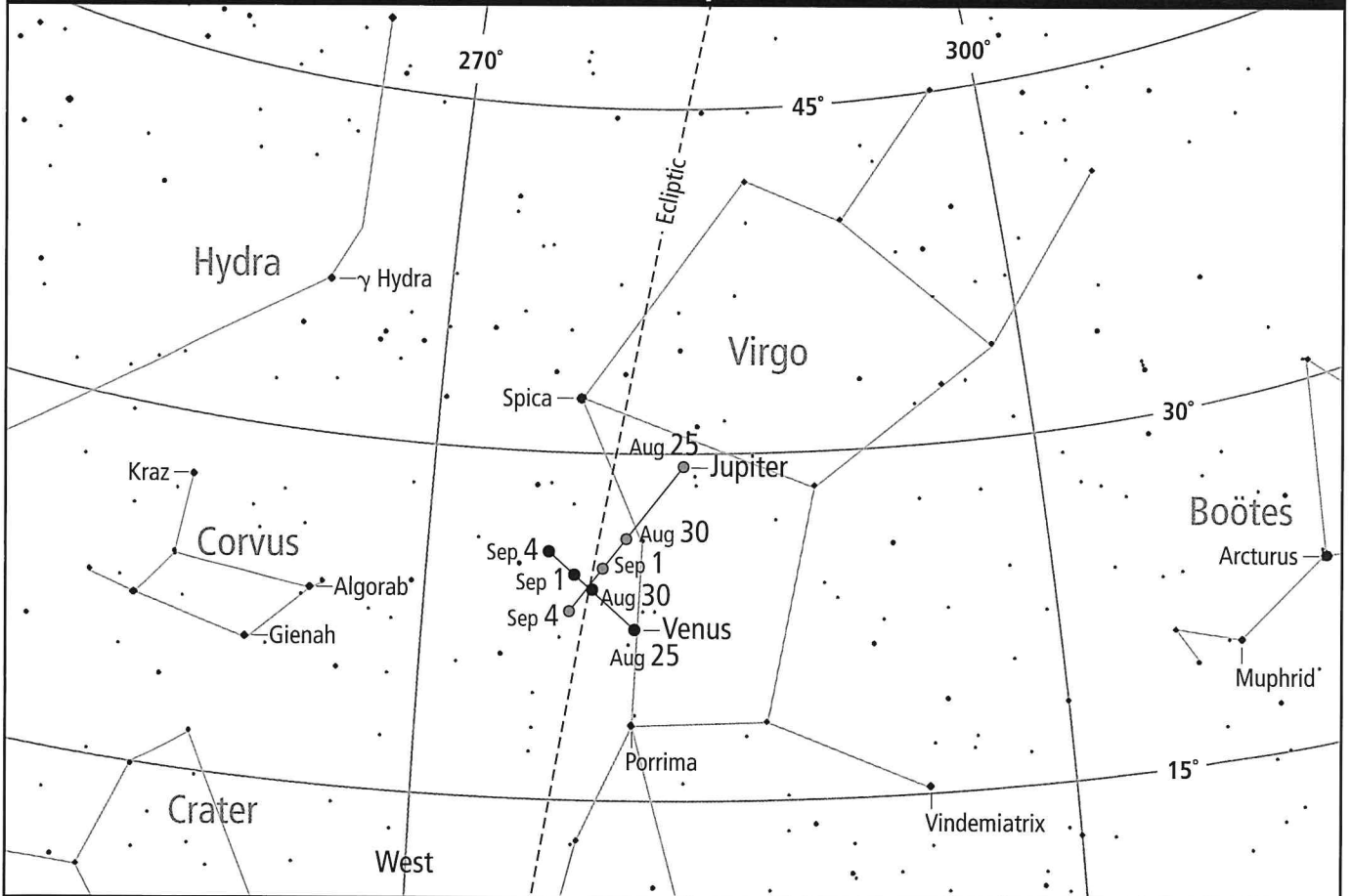
SKYVIEW 2005 AUGUST 7-11 6pm



SKYVIEW 2005 AUGUST 24-27 6am



SKYVIEW 2005 AUGUST 25 - SEPTEMBER 4 7pm



HIGHLIGHTS

Mercury visible in the evening in the second half of the month, low in west after twilight.

Venus easily visible in the evening sky. Conjunction with Jupiter on 2nd.

Mars rises in the evening.

Jupiter visible in the early evening sky in constellation Virgo.

Saturn visible before morning twilight in constellation Cancer.

DIARY

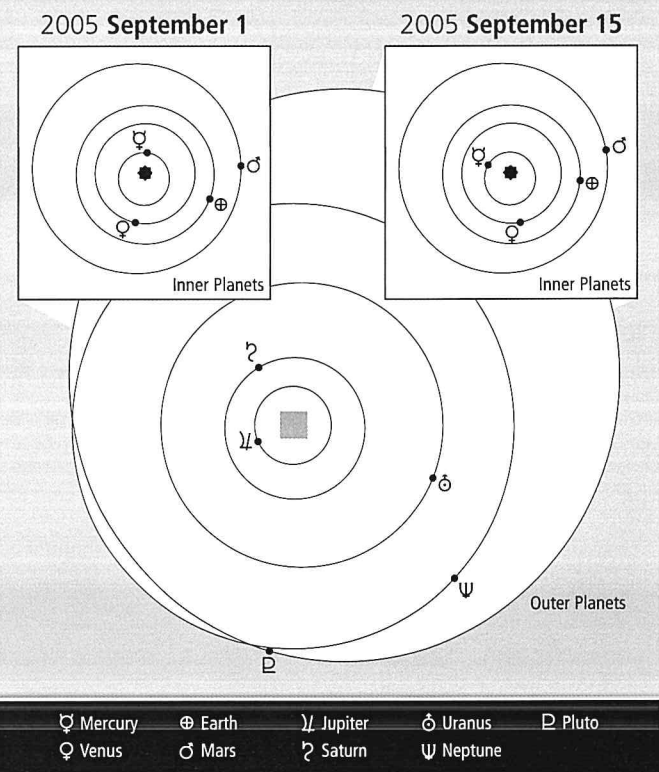
Day Hour

1	01	Saturn 5° S. of Moon
1	11	Moon at apogee
2	20	Venus 1.°4 S. of Jupiter – Conjunction
3	11	Pluto stationary
4	03	New Moon
4	19	Mercury 1.°1 N. of Regulus
6	05	Venus 1.°8 N. of Spica
7	08	Jupiter 1.°8 N. of Moon
7	14	Spica 1.°3 S. of Moon
7	17	Venus 0.°6 N. of Moon
11	04	Antares 0.°2 S. of Moon
11	20	First Quarter
16	22	Moon at perigee
18	10	Full Moon
18	11	Mercury in superior conjunction
19		Maximum activity of Piscid meteor shower
22	06	Jupiter 3° N. of Spica
22	15	Mars 6° S. of Moon
23	06	Equinox
25	15	Last Quarter
28	13	Saturn 5° S. of Moon
28	23	Moon at apogee

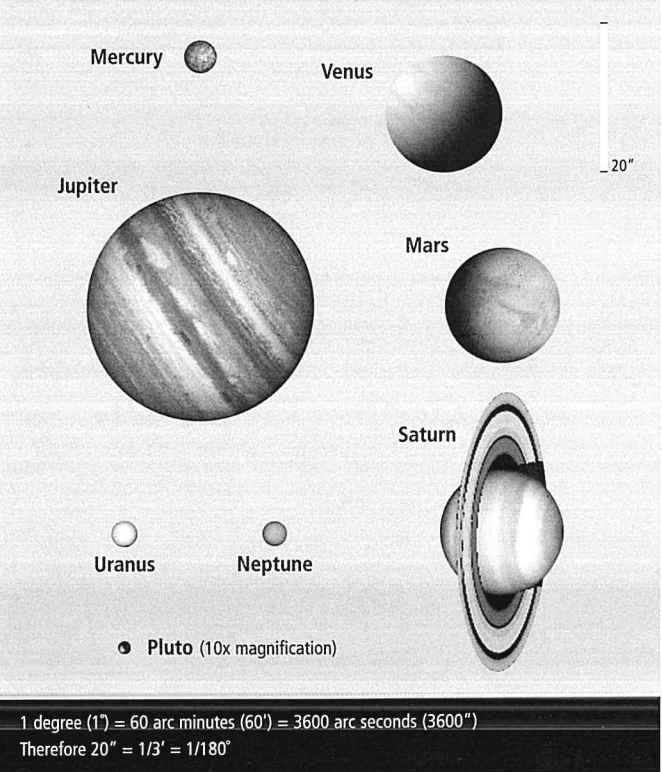
SUN+MOON RISE/SET

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PLANET POSITIONS



PLANET APPEARANCE

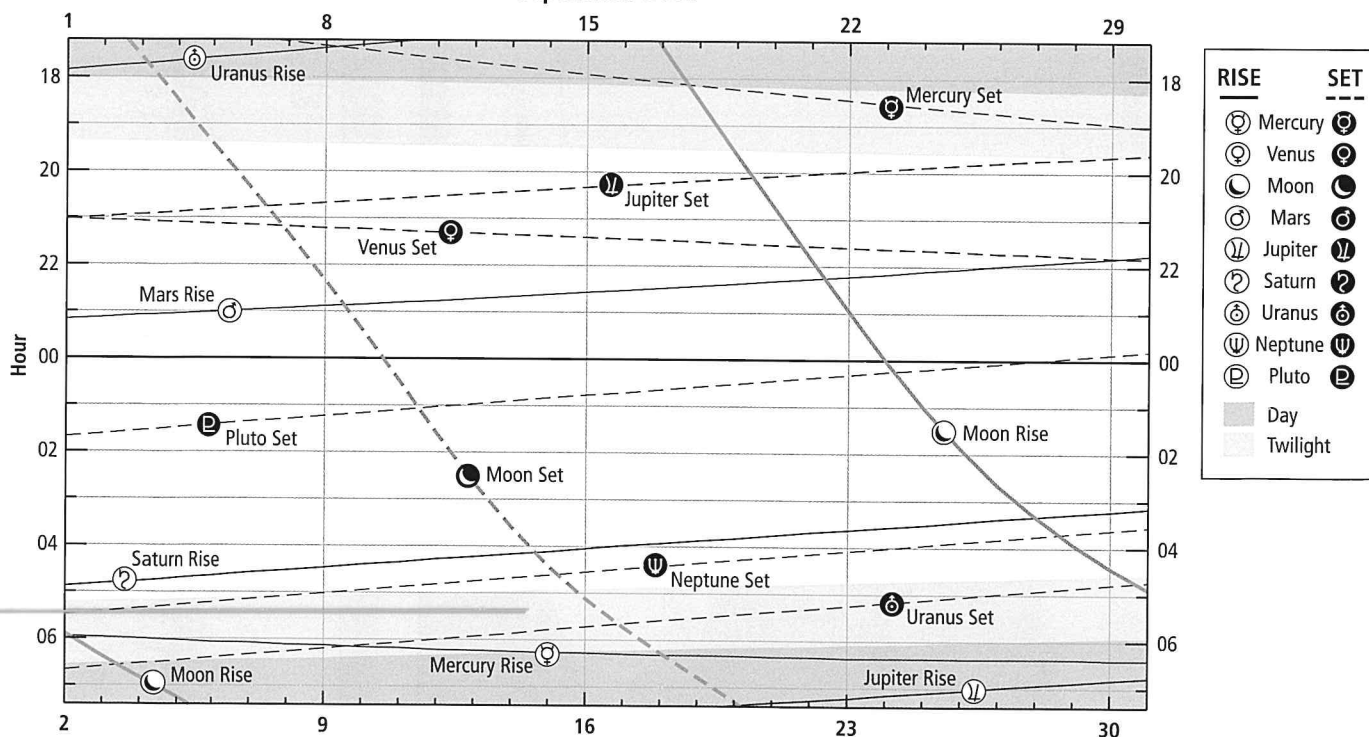


PLANETS RISE/SET

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SOLAR SYSTEM RISE/SET

September 2005



JUPITER MOONS + GREAT RED SPOT

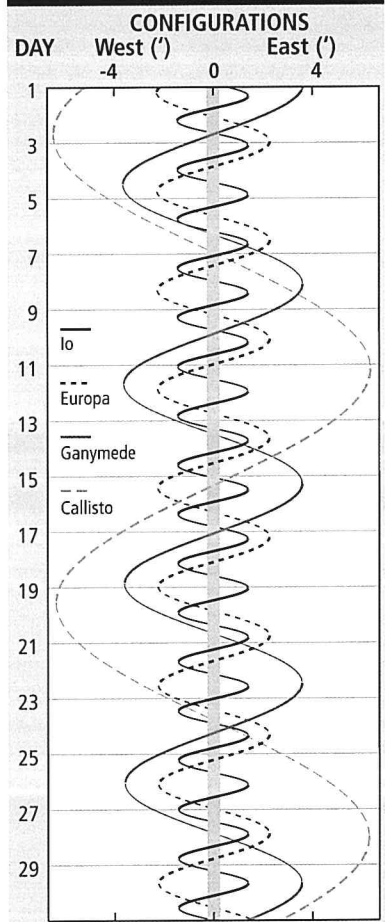
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3	1910	II	Tr.I.	17	1824	I	Sh.E.
3	2046	II	Sh.I.	19	1901	II	Oc.D.
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9	1920		GRS	27	1845	III	Oc.D.
9	1922	I	Ec.R.	28	1209		GRS
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Moons:
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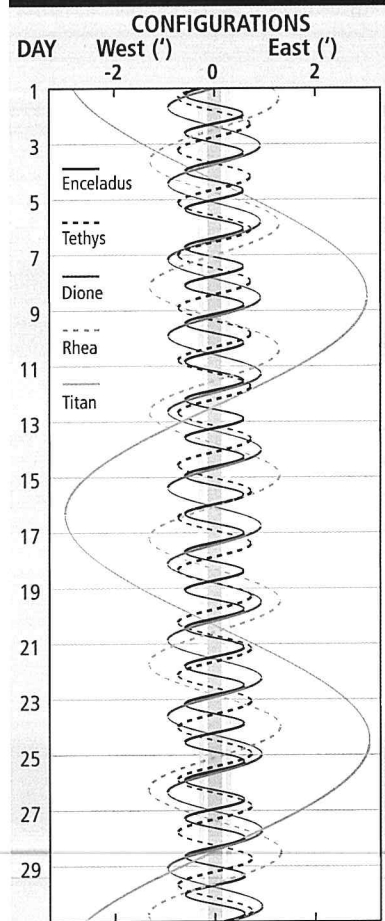
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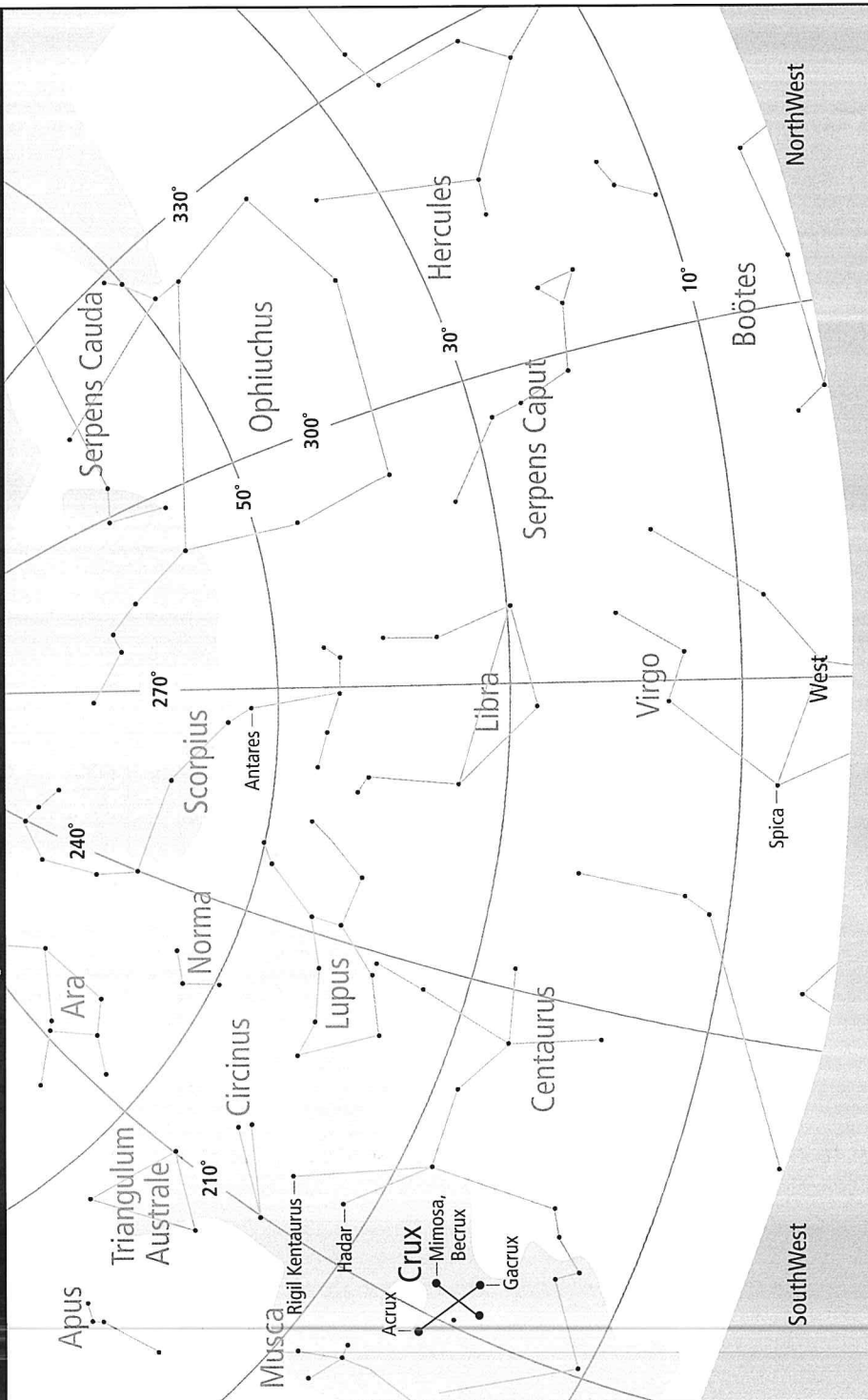
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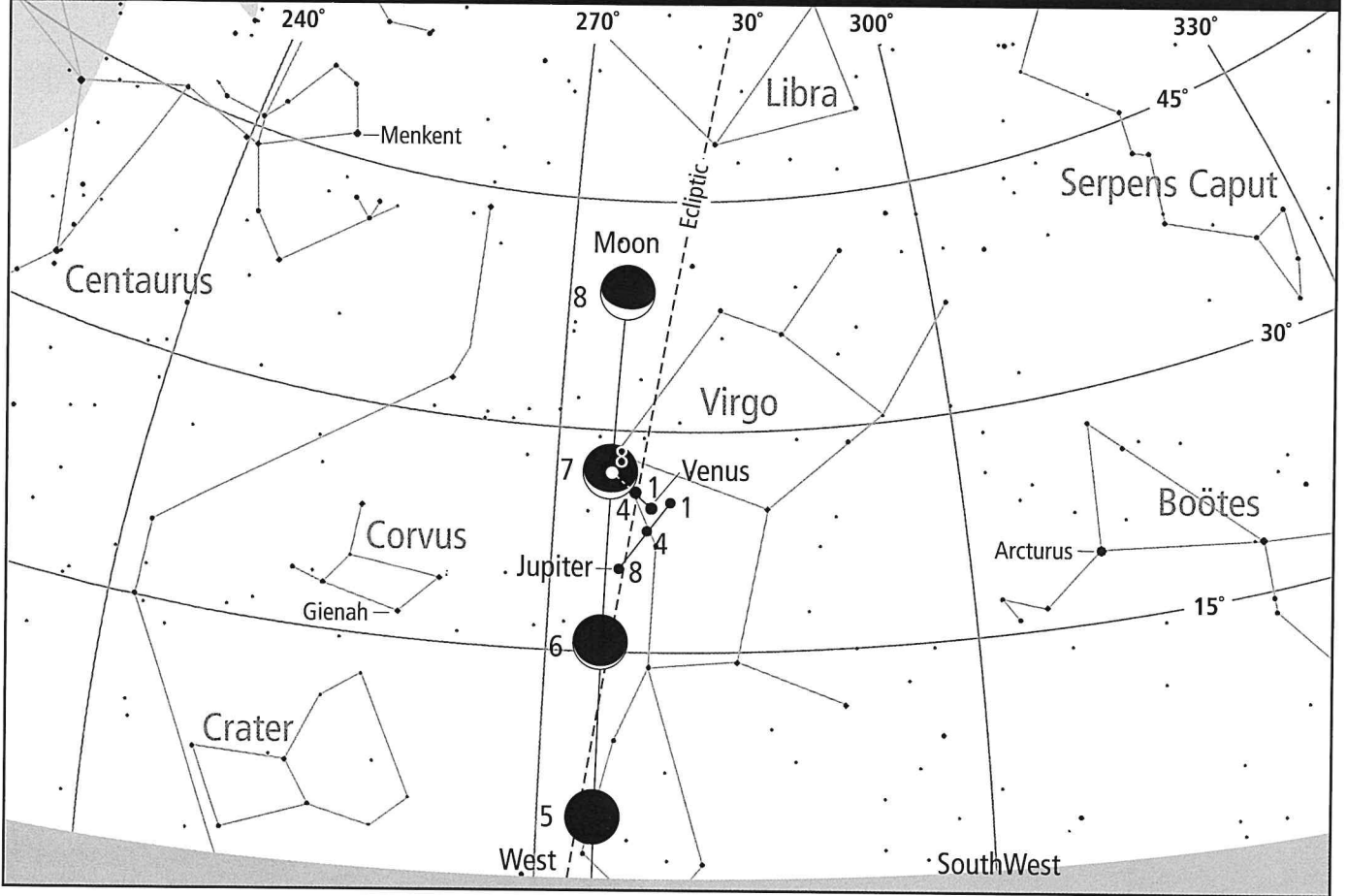
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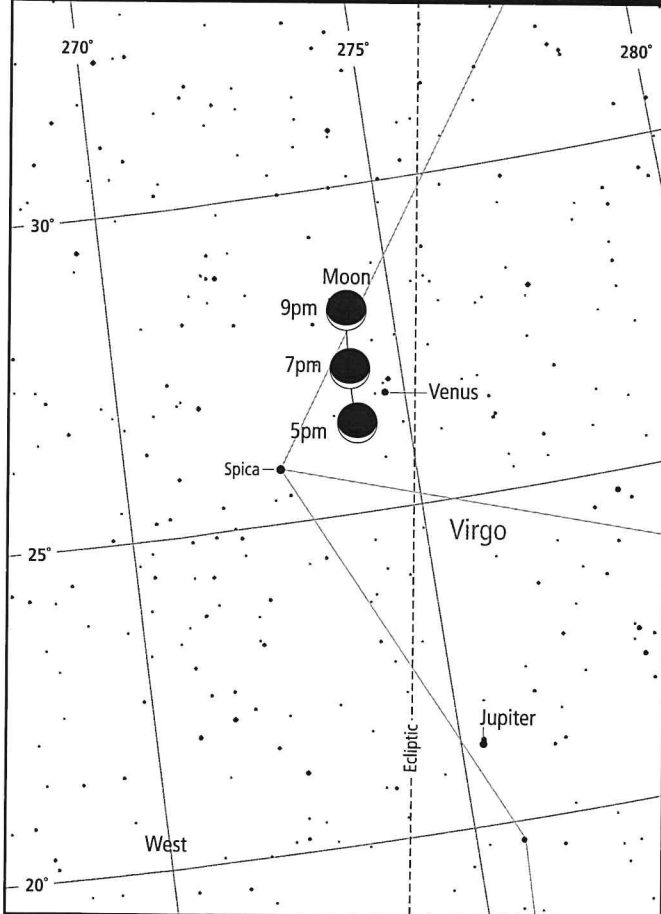
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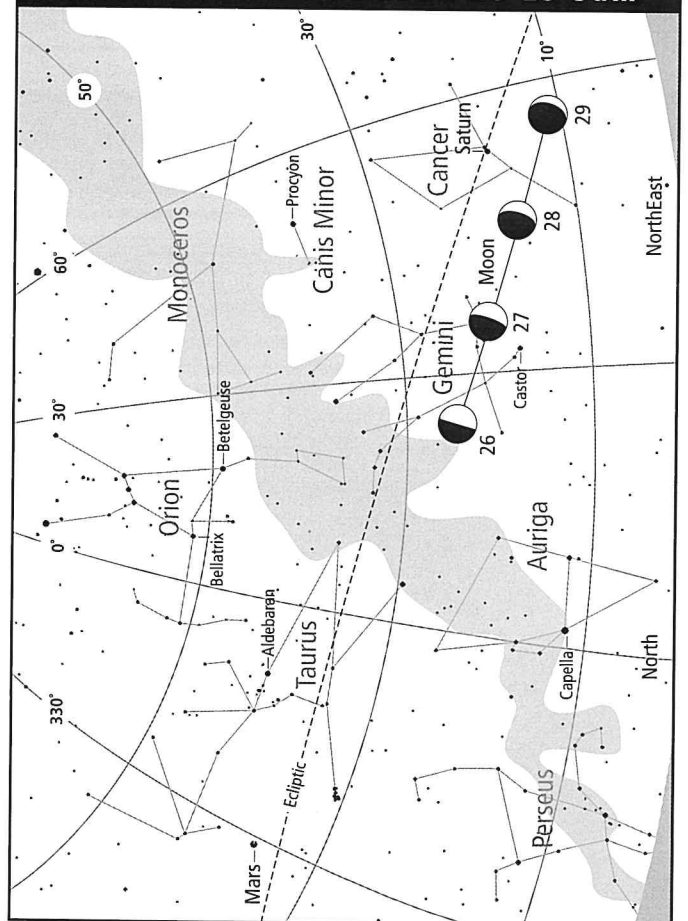
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SKYVIEW 2005 SEPTEMBER 7 5-9pm



SKYVIEW 2005 SEPTEMBER 26-29 5am



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HIGHLIGHTS

Moon partial eclipse 17th

Mercury visible in the evenings, low in the west after civil twilight. Conjunction with Jupiter on 6th.

Venus easily visible in the evening sky. On 7th Venus may be visible to the unaided eye close to the Moon (**Do NOT look at the Sun**).

Mars rises in the evening in the constellation Aries.

Saturn visible in the morning in Cancer.

DIARY

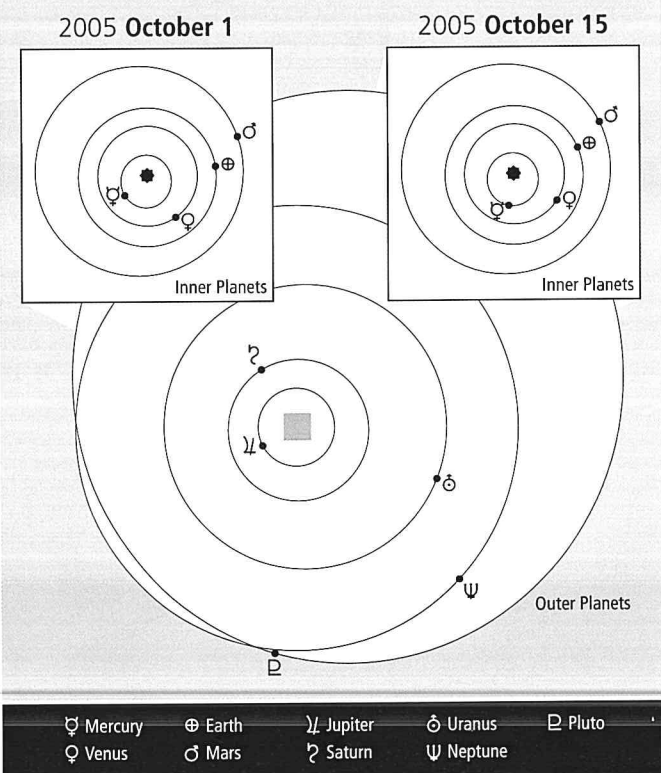
Day Hour

1	18	Mars stationary
3	18	New Moon
4	16	Mercury 2.° N. of Spica
6	15	Mercury 1.°5' S. of Jupiter – Conjunction
7	14	Venus 1.°4' N. of Moon
8	09	Antares 0.°2' S. of Moon
11	03	First Quarter
14	22	Moon at perigee
17	02	Venus 1.°6' N. of Antares
17	20	Full Moon – Partial Eclipse of the Moon
18		Maximum activity of epsilon-Geminiid meteor shower
19	21	Mars 5° S. of Moon
22		Maximum activity of epsilon-Orionid meteor shower
22	21	Jupiter in conjunction with Sun
25	09	Last Quarter
26	01	Saturn 4° S. of Moon
26	18	Moon at apogee
30	11	Mars closest approach

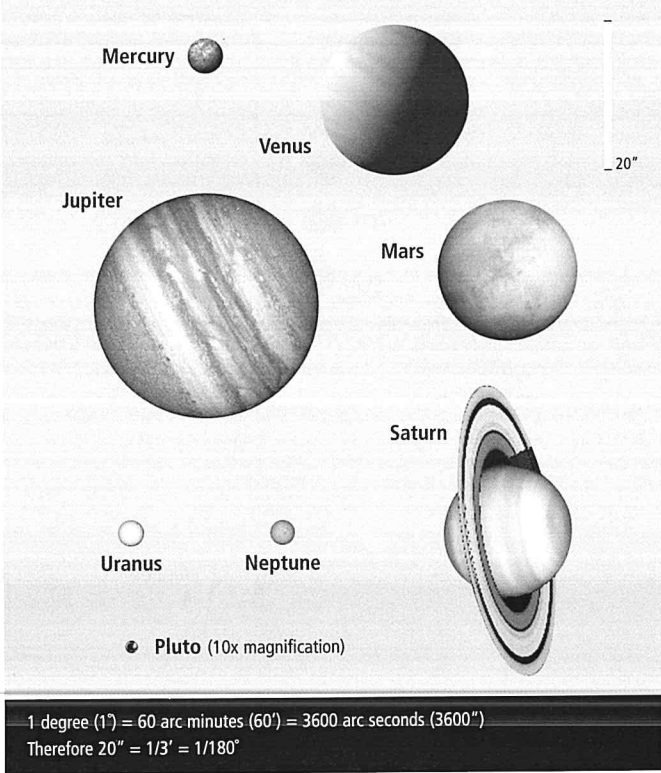
SUN+MOON RISE/SET

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PLANET POSITIONS



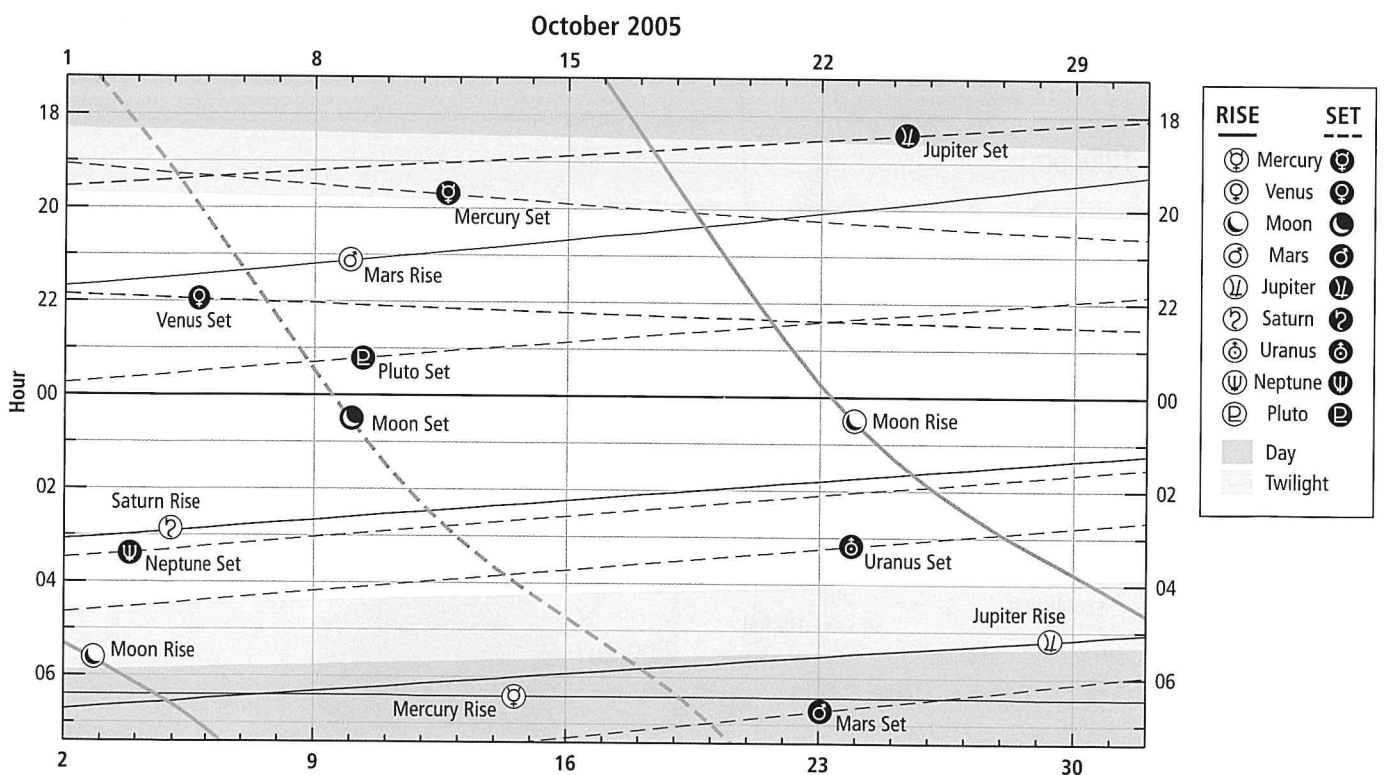
PLANET APPEARANCE



PLANETS RISE/SET

DAY	MERCURY		VENUS		MARS		JUPITER		DAY	SATURN		URANUS		NEPTUNE		PLUTO	
	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m		Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m	Rise h m	Set h m
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SOLAR SYSTEM RISE/SET



**JUPITER MOONS
+ GREAT RED SPOT**

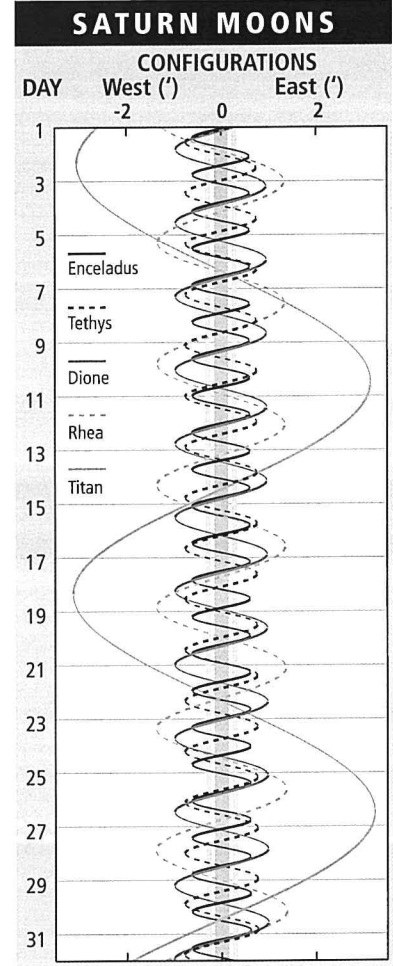
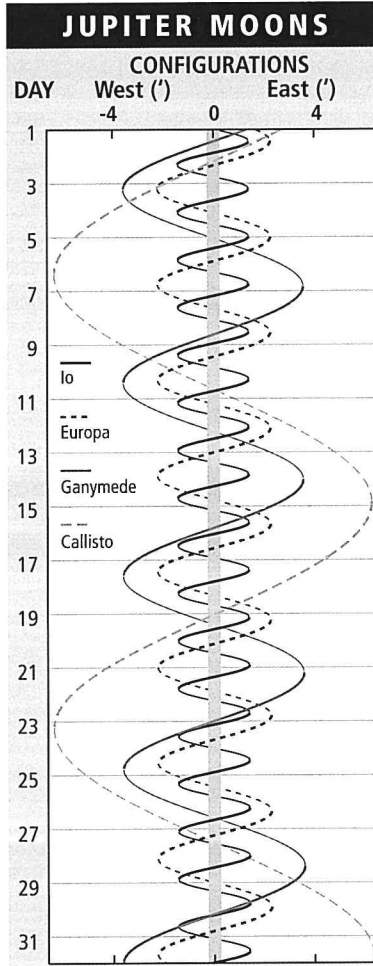
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	h m	Satellite	Event
3	1856	GRS	Great Red Spot
9	1903	I	Oc.D. Occult Disappear
10	1835	I	Sh.E. Shadow Egress
15	1856	GRS	Great Red Spot

Astro Fact – Jupiter’s Great Red Spot

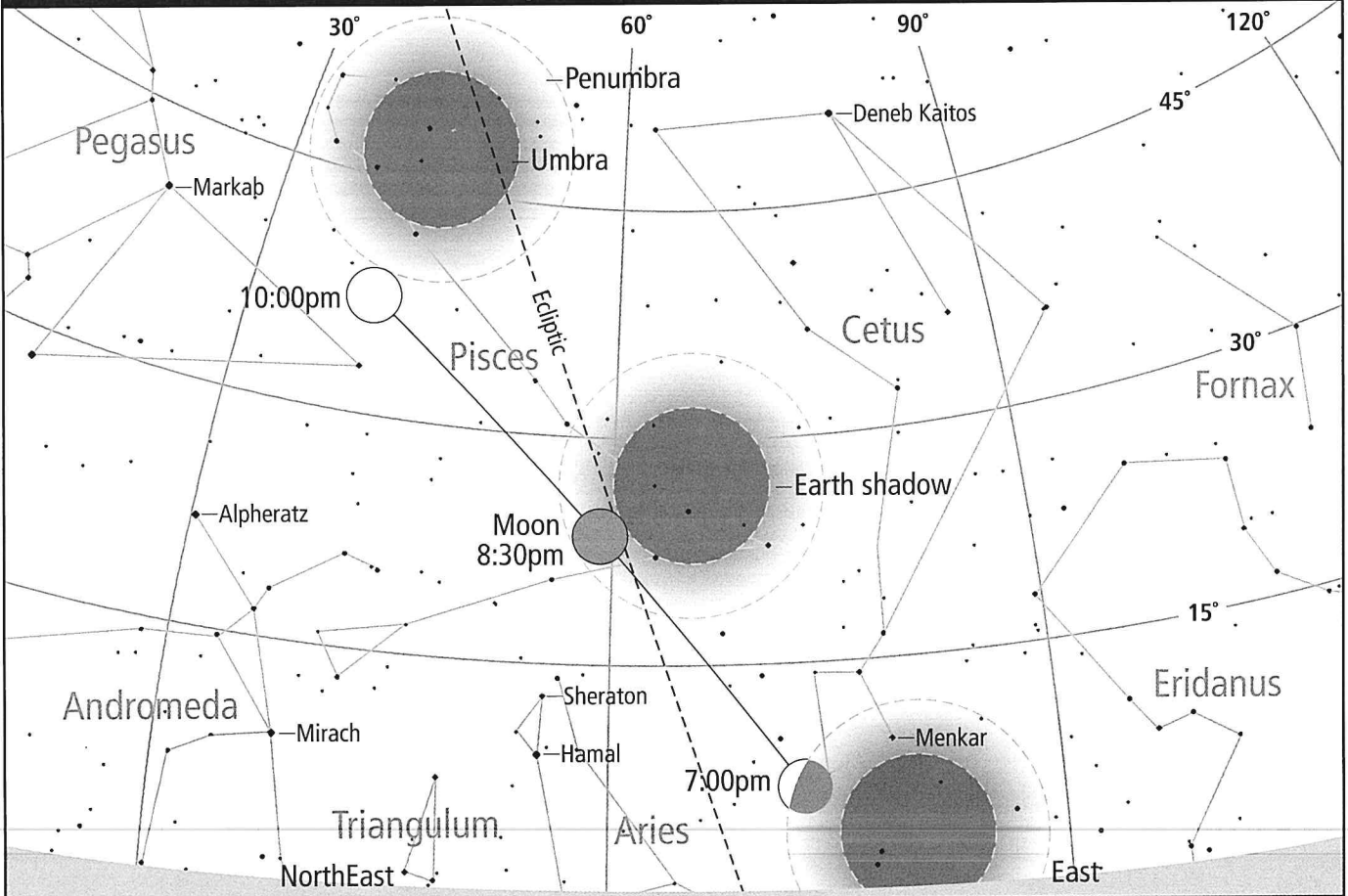
Jupiter’s Red Spot is about 20,000 km long (about 1.5 times the diameter of Earth) and has been studied since the telescope was invented 300 years ago. It is defined as a high-pressure cyclonic storm (unlike Earth’s cyclones, which are low-pressure zones). The Red Spot rotates once counter-clockwise every 6 days and winds in its outer regions reach 350km/h while those at its centre are much lower. Trace amounts of organic molecules composed of hydrogen and carbon atoms, and possibly sulphur and phosphorus atoms, give the Red Spot and other features of the Jovian atmosphere their distinct colours.

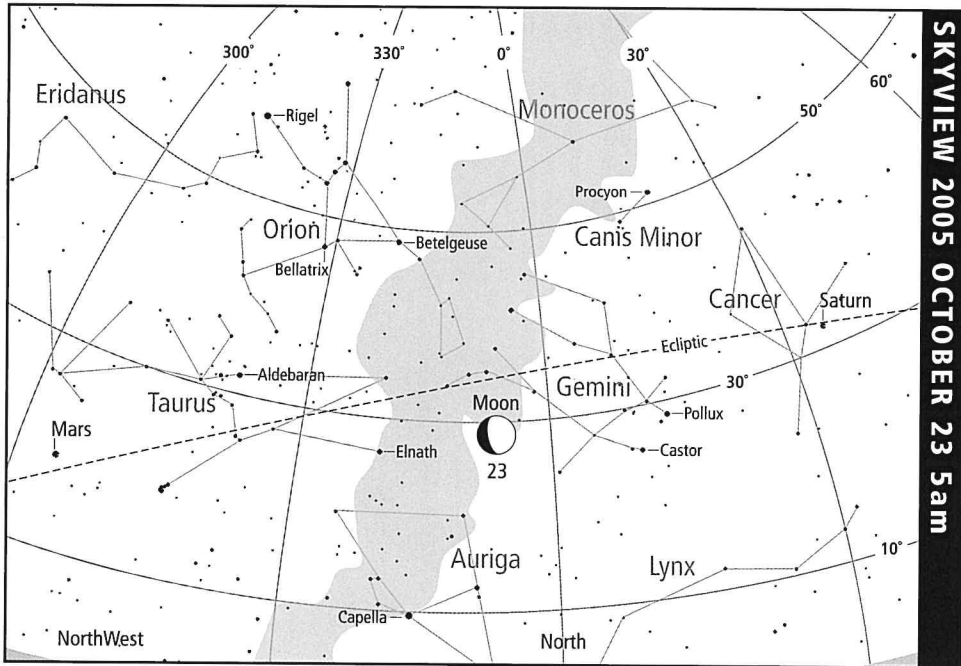
Predicting the visibility times of the Red Spot is a little difficult because:

- Its position slowly varies with time owing to the variable drag it experiences in the Jovian atmosphere, and
- Jupiter doesn't rotate as a solid object; clouds near the equator rotate a little faster than those closer to the poles.

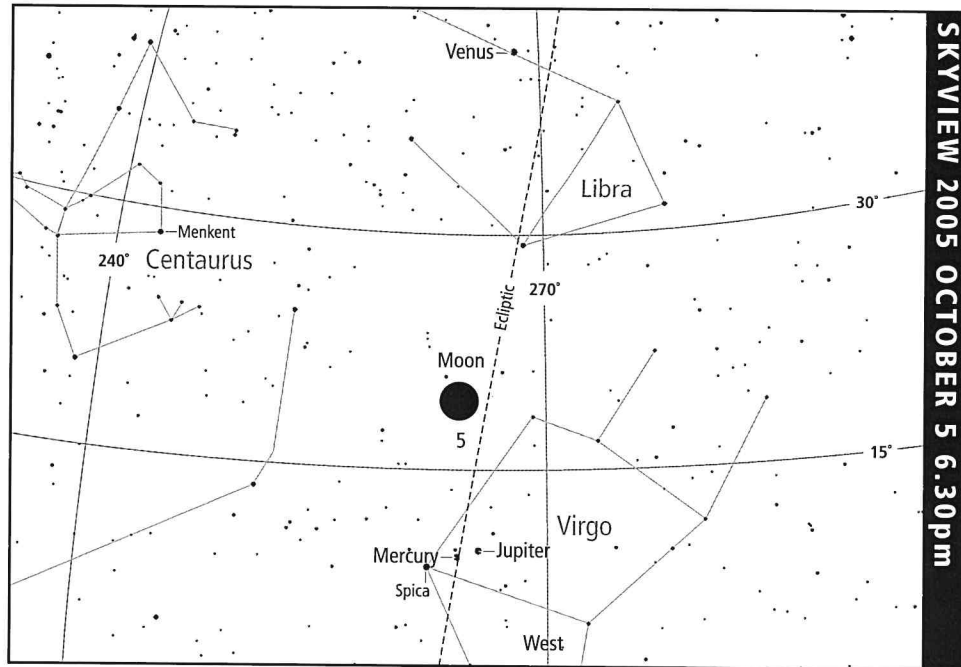


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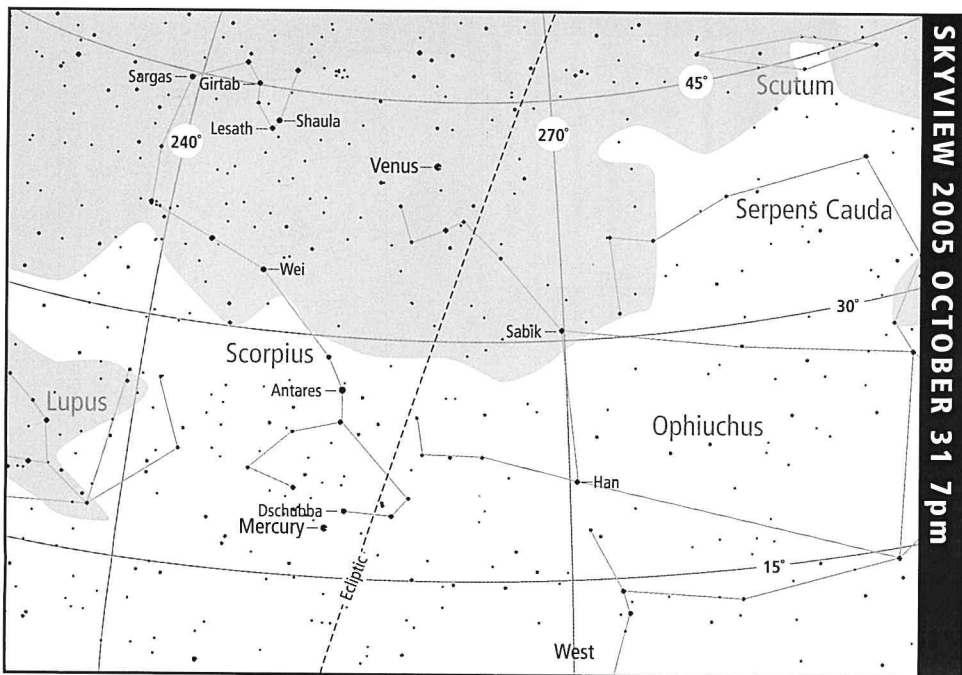




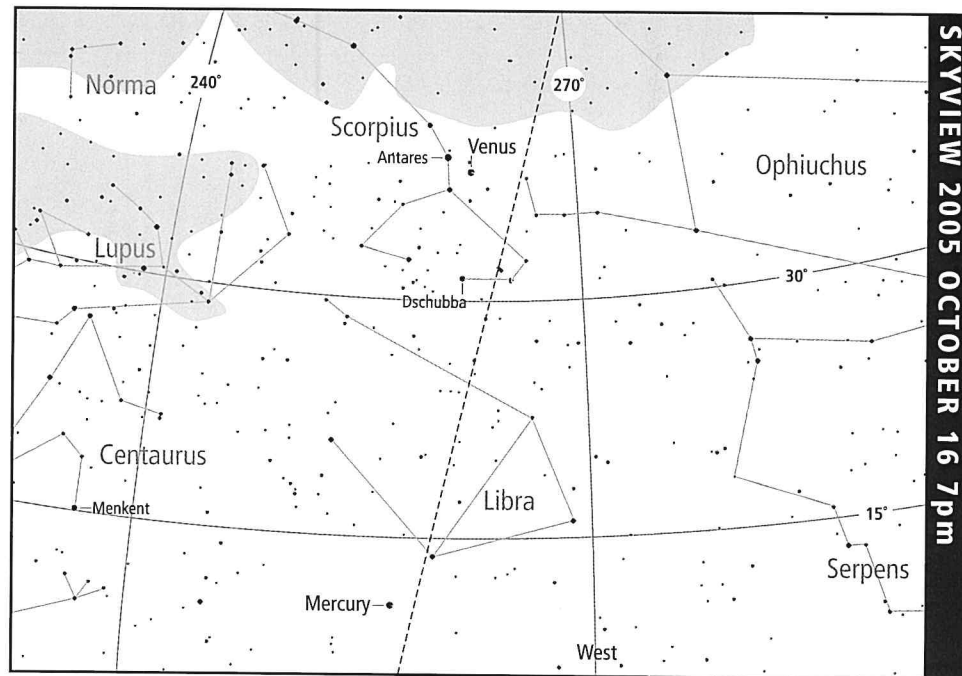
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NOVEMBER 2005

HIGHLIGHTS

Mercury visible in the evenings, first half of the month, low in the west after civil twilight.

Venus easily visible in the evening sky.

Mars at opposition and visible all night in the constellation Aries.

Jupiter rises in morning twilight in Virgo.

Saturn rises around midnight in Cancer.

DIARY

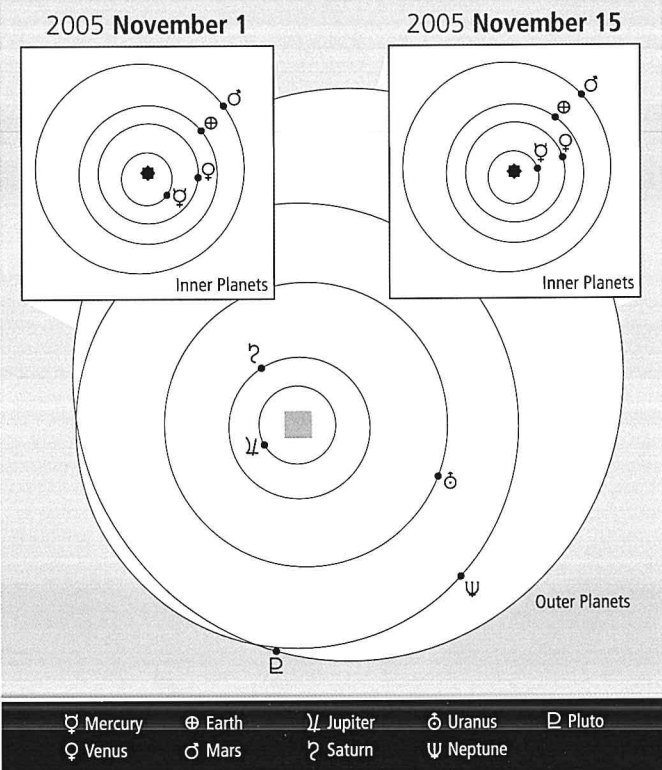
Day Hour

1	03	Spica 1.°2 S. of Moon
2	09	New Moon
4	00	Mercury greatest elongation E. (24°)
4	03	Venus greatest elongation E. (47°)
4	07	Mercury 1.°3 N. of Moon
4	15	Antares 0.°2 S. of Moon – Occultation visible from northern Australia
5		Max activity of Southern Taurid meteor s.
6	03	Venus 1.°4 N. of Moon
7	16	Mars at opposition
9	10	First Quarter
10	00	Mercury 1.°9 N. of Antares
10	08	Moon at perigee
12		Max activity of Northern Taurid meteor s.
14	17	Mercury stationary
15	14	Mars 3° S. of Moon
16	09	Full Moon
17		Max activity of Leonid meteor shower
19	00	Mercury 3.° N. of Antares
21		Max activity of alpha-Monocerotid meteor s.
22	11	Saturn 4° S. of Moon
23	02	Saturn stationary
23	14	Moon at apogee
24	06	Last Quarter
25	00	Mercury in inferior conjunction
28	12	Spica 1.°1 S. of Moon
29	16	Jupiter 3° N. of Moon

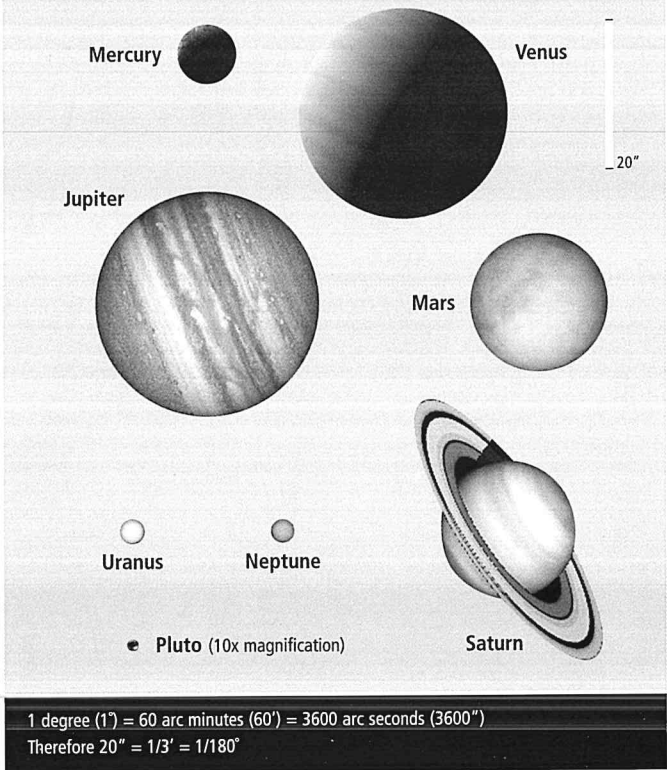
SUN+MOON RISE/SET

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PLANET POSITIONS



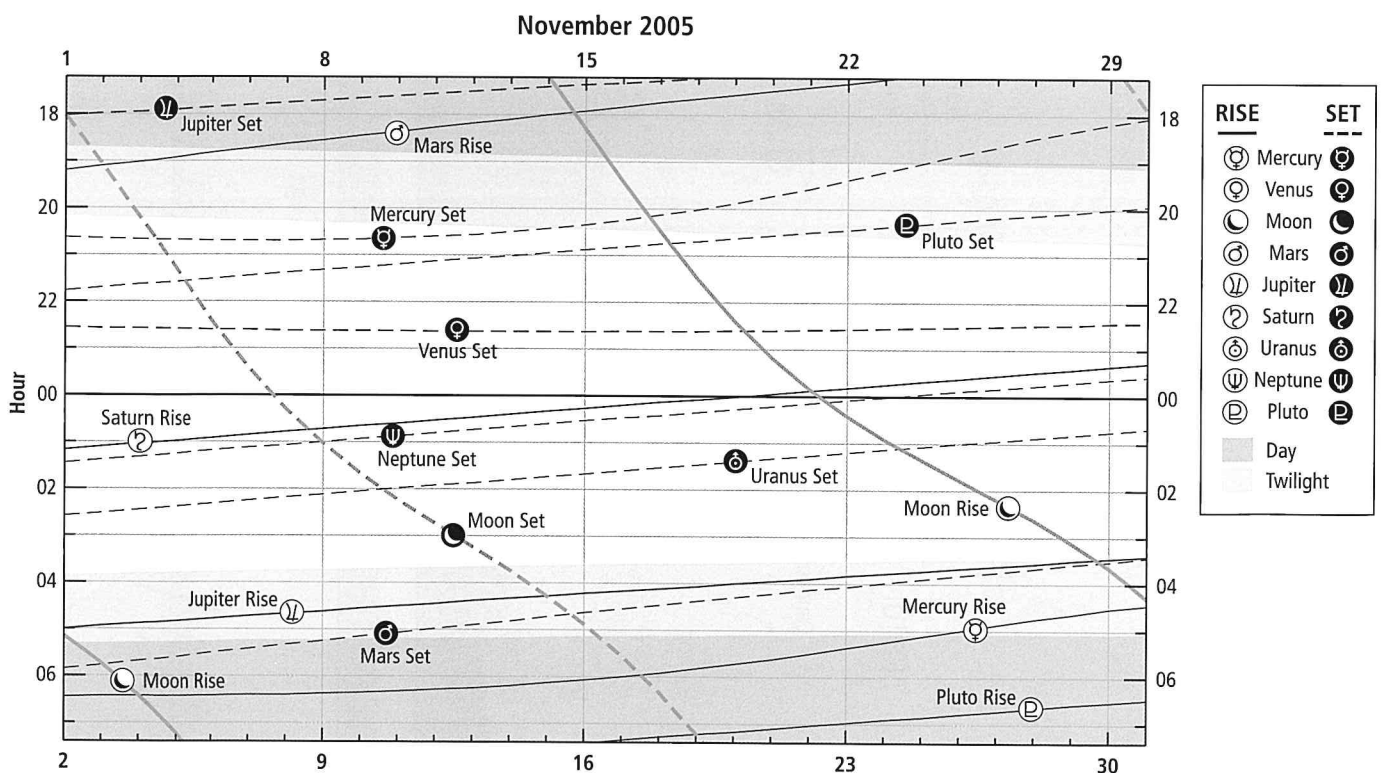
PLANET APPEARANCE



PLANETS RISE/SET

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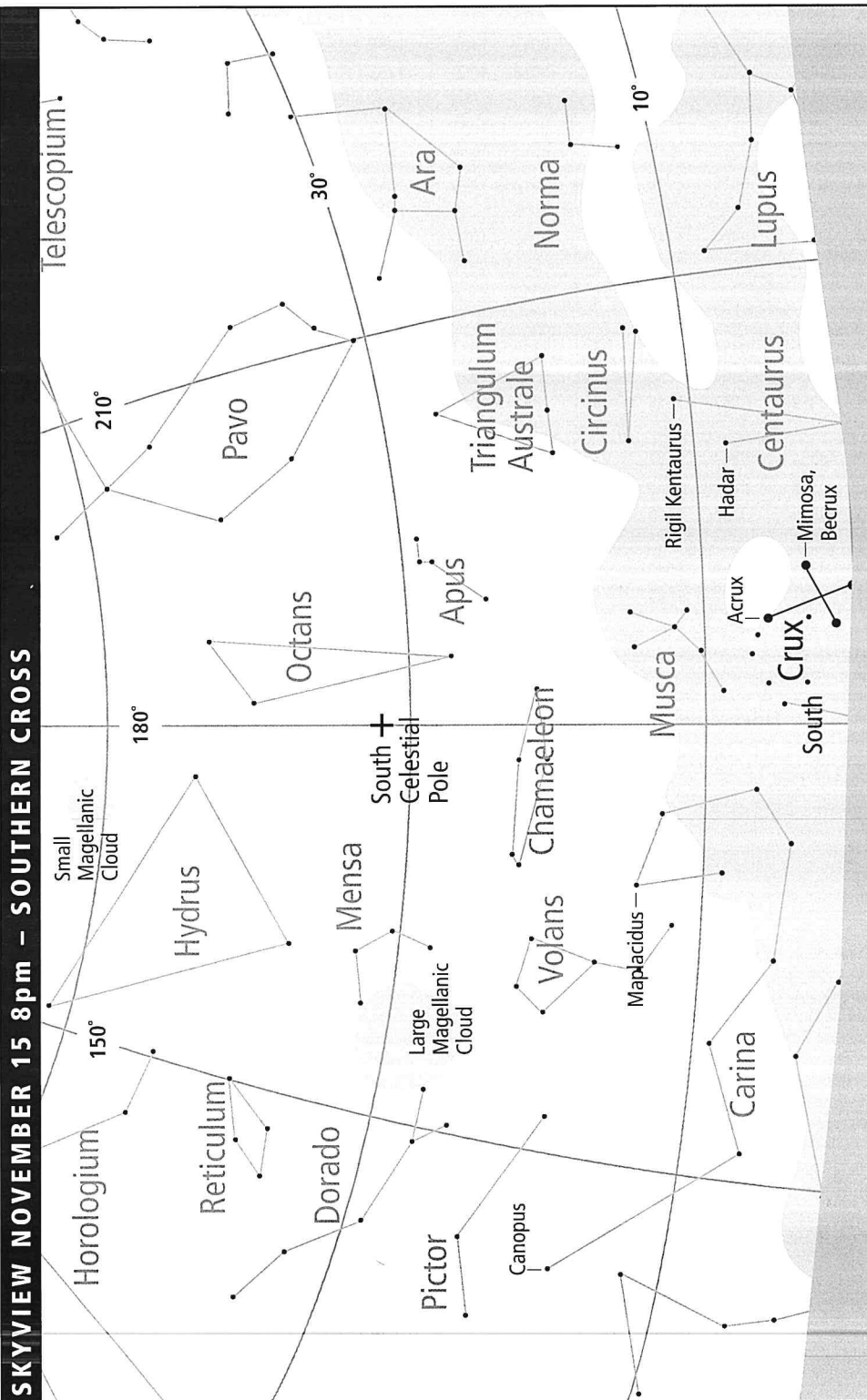
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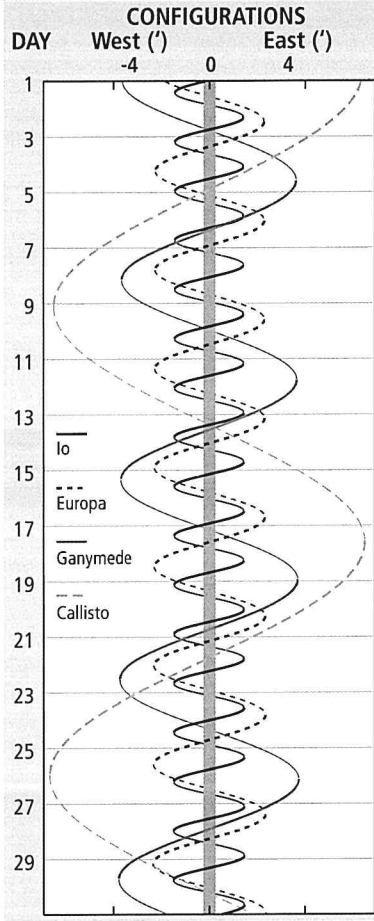
JUPITER MOONS + GREAT RED SPOT

DAY	PHENOMENON				
	h	m	Satellite	Event	
14	0446	I	Ec.D.	Eclipse	Disappear
15	0429	I	Tr.E.	Transit	Egress
17	0417	III	Oc.R.	Occult	Reappear
21	0442	II	Tr.E.	Transit	Egress
21	0447		GRS	Great Red Spot	
22	0419	I	Tr.I.	Transit	Ingress
24	0423	III	Ec.D.	Eclipse	Disappear
28	0343	II	Sh.I.	Shadow	Ingress
28	0453	II	Tr.I.	Transit	Ingress

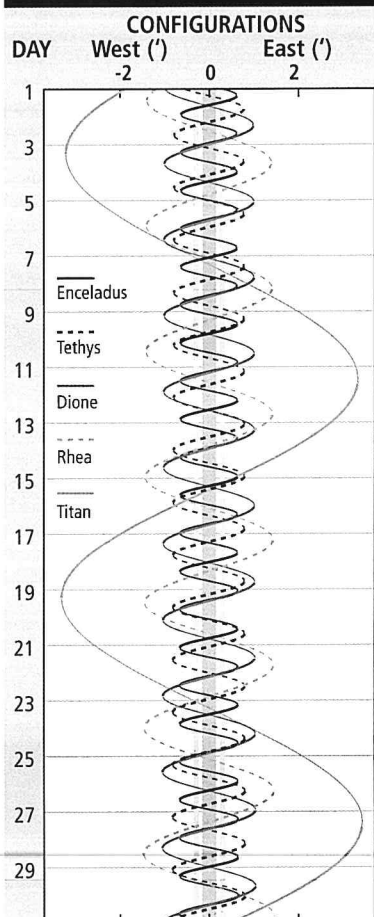
Moons: I Io III Ganymede
 II Europa IV Callisto
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 Ec Eclipse Oc Occult
 Sh Shadow Tr Transit
 GRS Jupiter's Great Red Spot will be visible for approximately 1 hour around time shown



JUPITER MOONS CONFIGURATIONS

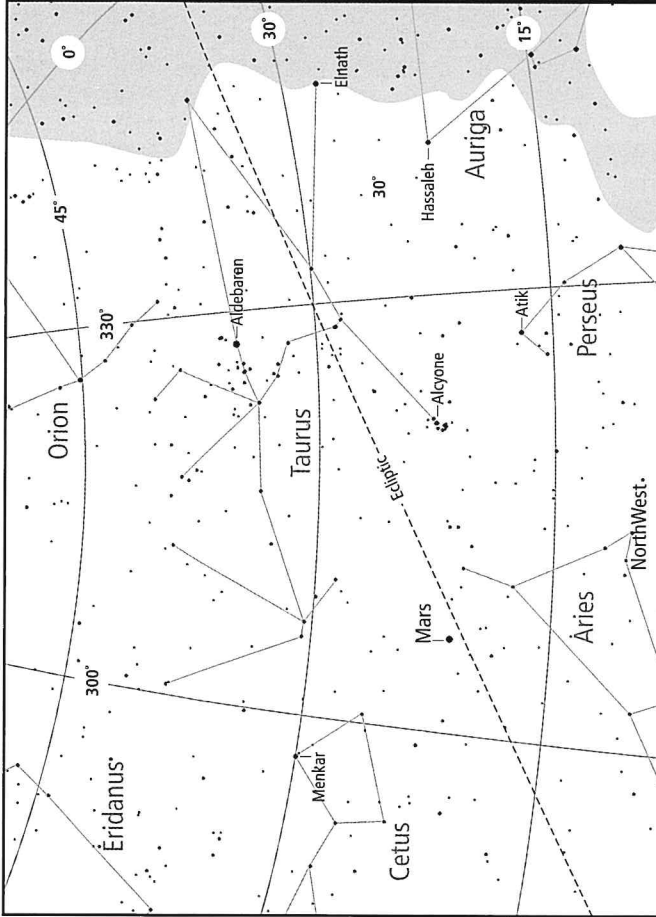


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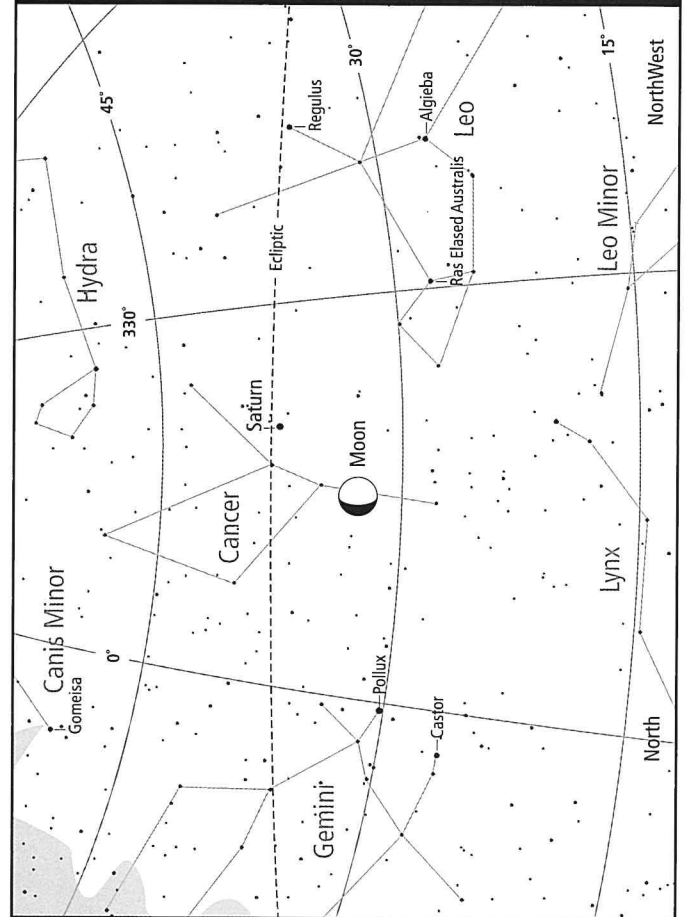


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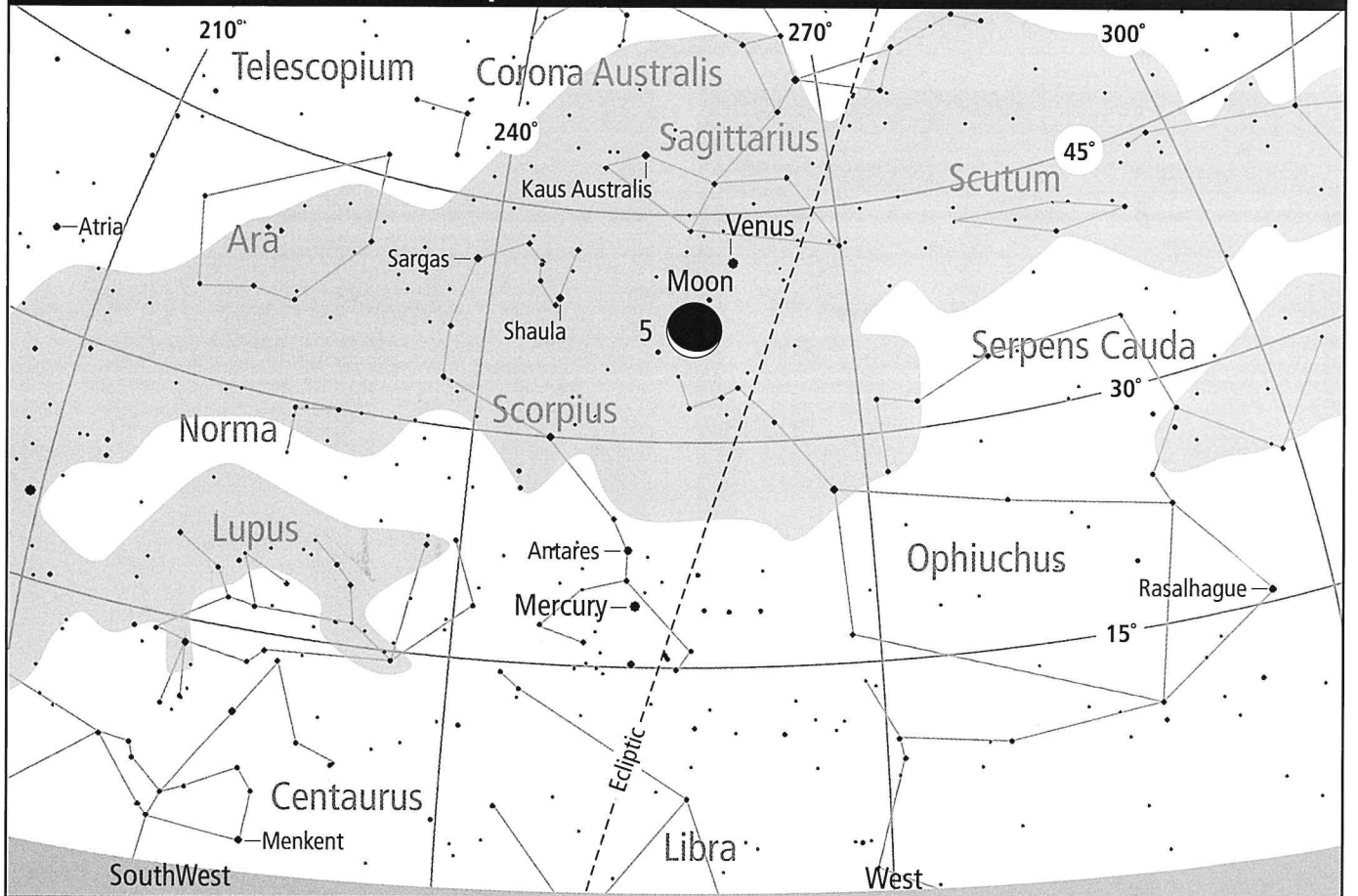
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DECEMBER 2005

HIGHLIGHTS

Mercury visible in the morning, low in the east before civil twilight.

Venus easily visible in the evening sky.

Mars visible in the evening and sets after midnight in the constellation Aries.

Jupiter visible in the morning in Libra.

Saturn rises in the evening in Cancer.

DIARY

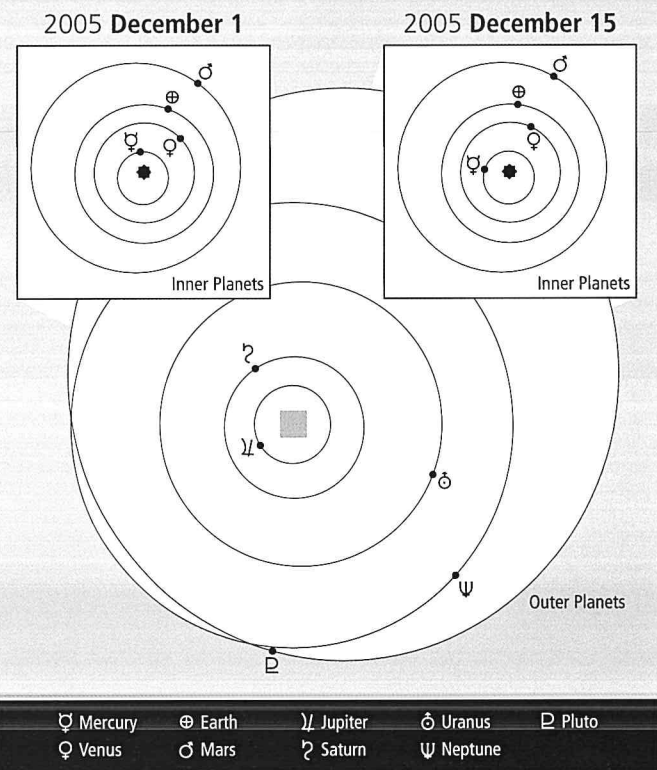
Day Hour

1		Max activity of chi-Orionid meteor shower
1	23	New Moon
4	09	Mercury stationary
5		Max activity of Phoenicid meteor shower
5	02	Venus 2.° N. of Moon
5	13	Moon at perigee
7		Max activity of Pupid-Velid meteor shower
8	18	First Quarter
9		Max activity of Monocerotid (Dec.) metr s.
9	21	Venus greatest brilliancy
11		Max activity of sigma-Hydrid meteor shwr
11	07	Mars stationary
12	13	Mars 1.°3 S. of Moon
12	21	Mercury greatest elongation W. (21°)
14		Max activity of Geminid meteor shower
16	00	Full Moon
16	12	Pluto in conjunction with Sun
19		Max activity of Coma Berenicid meteor s.
19	17	Saturn 4° S. of Moon
20	15	Mercury 6° N. of Antares
21	11	Moon at apogee
22	03	Solstice
23	13	Venus stationary
24	04	Last Quarter
25	22	Spica 0.°9 S. of Moon
27	12	Jupiter 4° N. of Moon
29	10	Antares 0.°2 S. of Moon – Occultation visible from northern Australia
30	08	Mercury 5° N. of Moon
31	11	New Moon

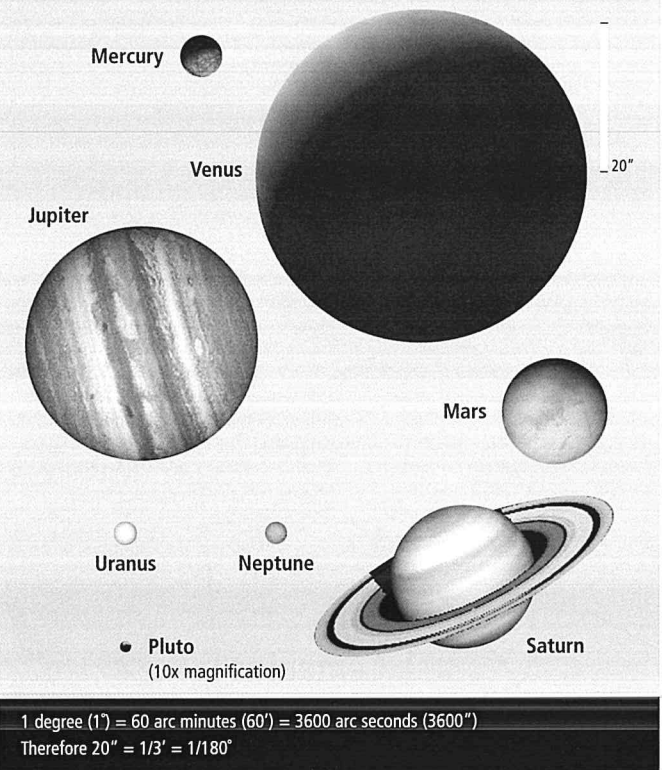
SUN+MOON RISE/SET

DAY	SUN							MOON		
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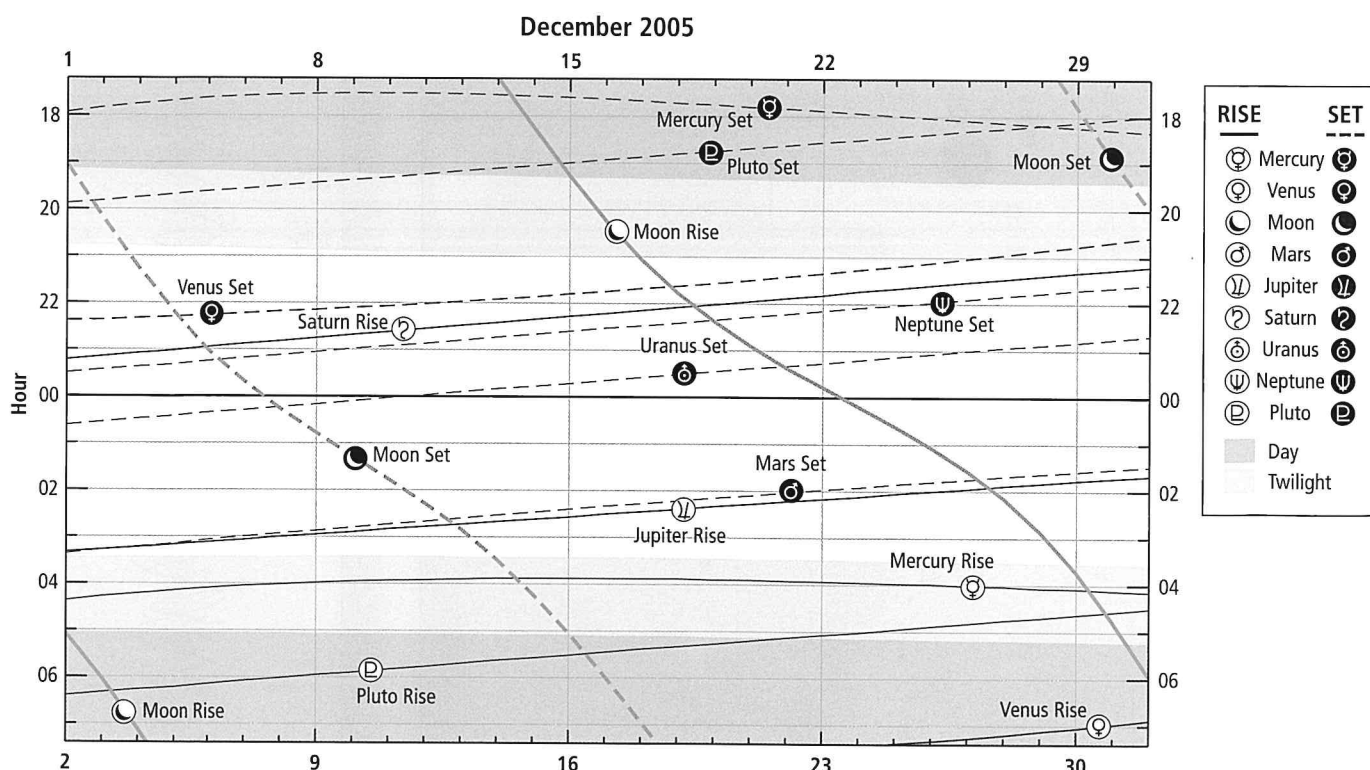
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SOLAR SYSTEM RISE/SET



JUPITER MOONS + GREAT RED SPOT

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7	0455		I	Ec.D.	12	0408		III	Sh.E.	30	0213		III	Ec.R.
8	0355			GRS	14	0315		II	Ec.D.	30	0312		II	Sh.I.
					15	0359		I	Sh.I.	30	0420		III	Oc.D.
					15	0443			GRS	30	0502		I	Ec.D.
					15	0449		I	Tr.I.	30	0512		II	Tr.I.
					16	0416		I	Oc.R.	31	0214		I	Sh.I.
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					23	0309		I	Ec.D.					
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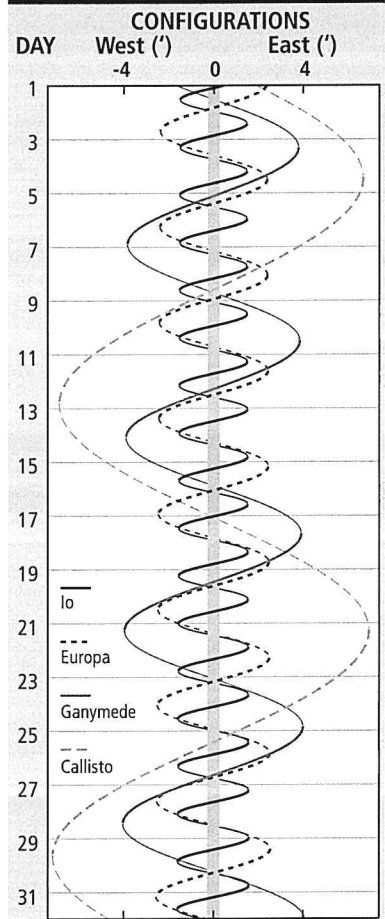
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- II Europa
- III Ganymede
- IV Callisto

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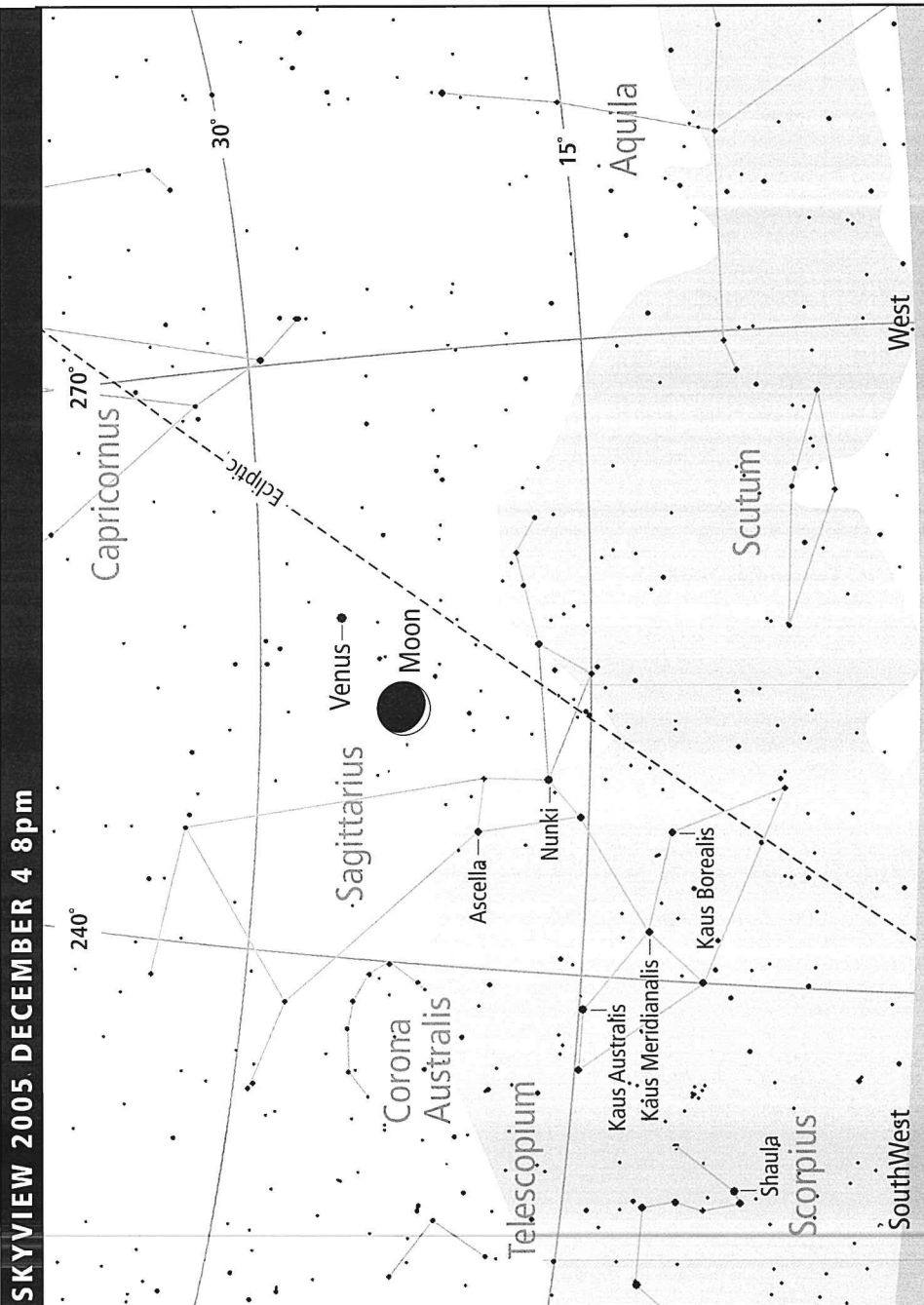
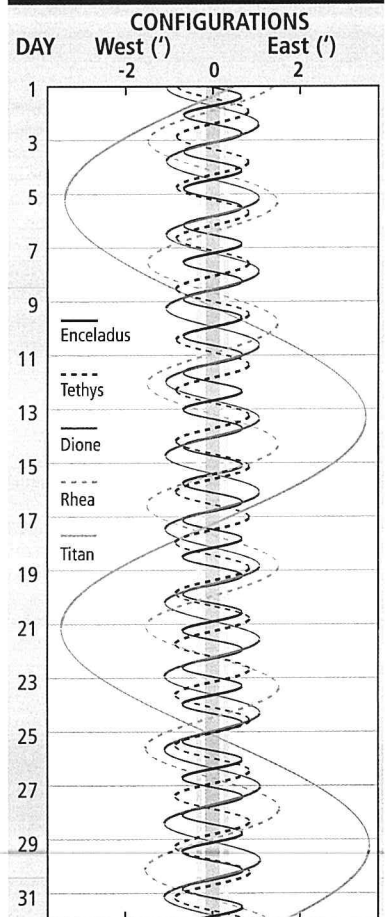
- D Disappear
- E Egress
- Ec Eclipse
- Sh Shadow
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- I Ingress
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- Tr Transit

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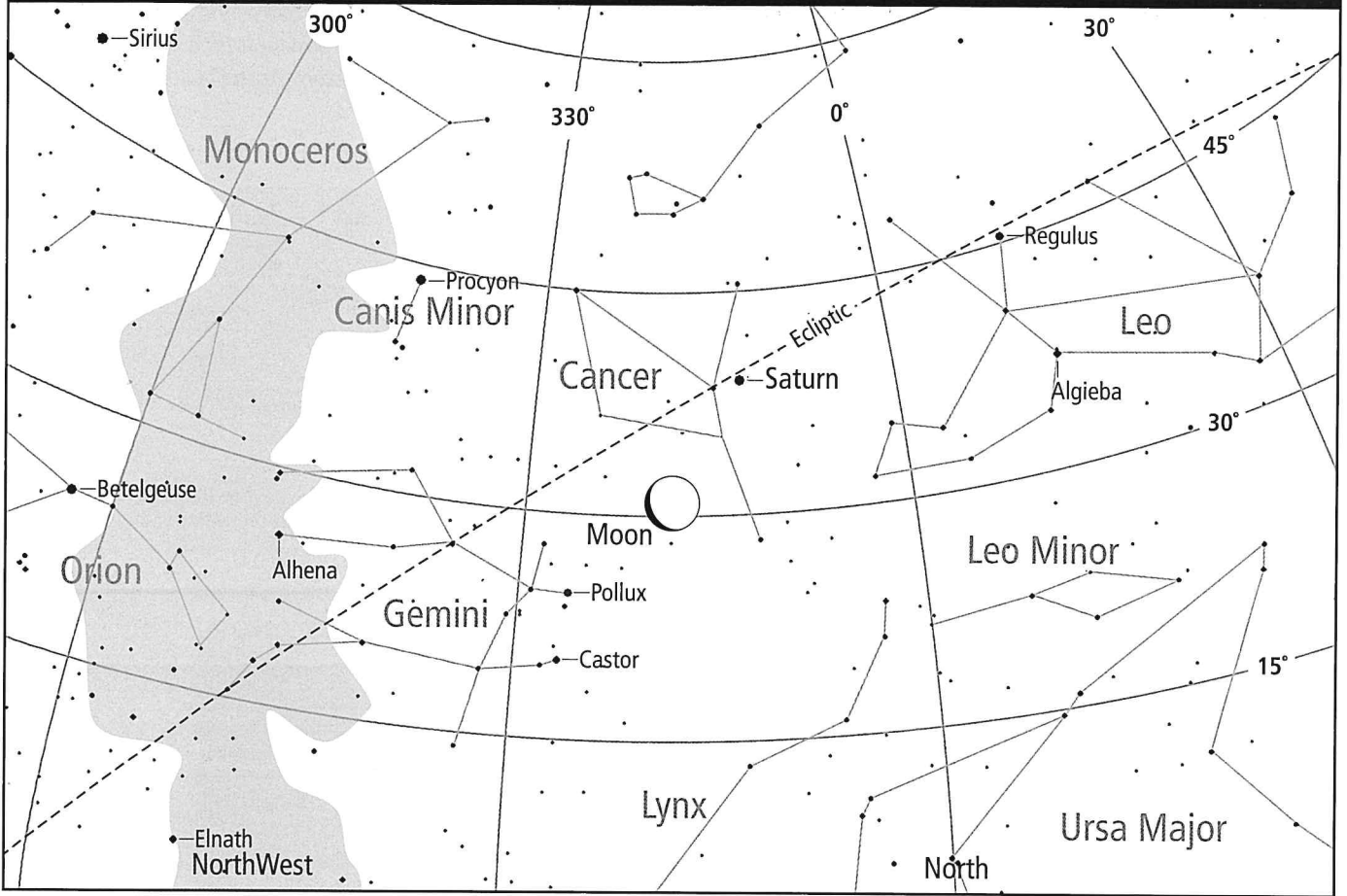


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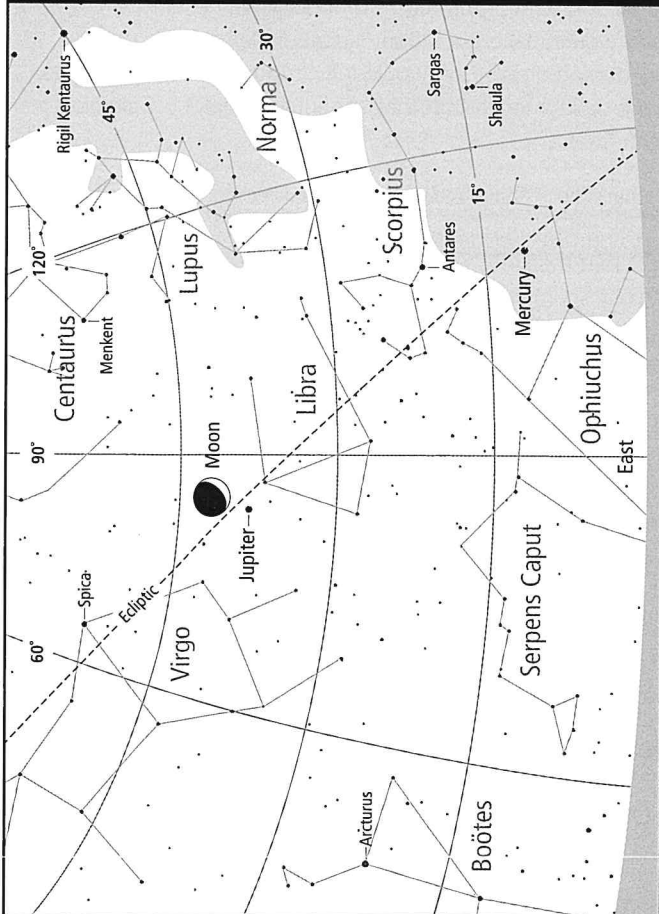


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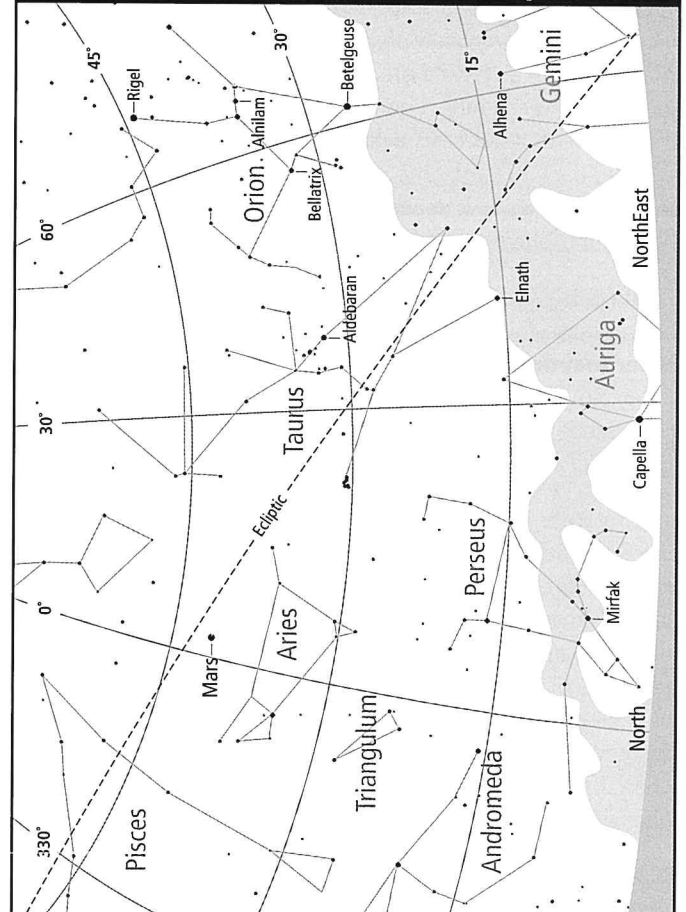
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ECLIPSES & OCCULTATIONS

Some of the more spectacular and/or rare celestial events are discussed in this section. In particular the date, time and region where the event is actually visible are provided. Consult the definitions in section: Background & General Information for a concise description of these events and the terminology used. Some of these events are not visible from Western Australia but are included for completeness and may assist those who travel to other parts of the world.

Lunar eclipses

Eclipses are a geometrical phenomenon and occur when either the Moon is in the Earth's shadow (a lunar eclipse) or the Earth is shadowed by the Moon (a solar eclipse). This shadowing requires all three objects to be aligned in space. The Earth's full shadow (umbra) is rather large, about three times the width of the Moon at its orbital distance, and lunar eclipses are visible from a wide region of the globe. Total solar eclipses only occur in a region approximately 20km wide (the size of the Moon's full shadow on Earth), that moves across the globe. On average there are about 1.5 umbral lunar eclipses per year, and even more of the fainter penumbral lunar eclipses, where the Moon does not enter the full shadow of the Earth. Also, for any given year there is a $\frac{2}{3}$ chance of having two umbral lunar eclipses.

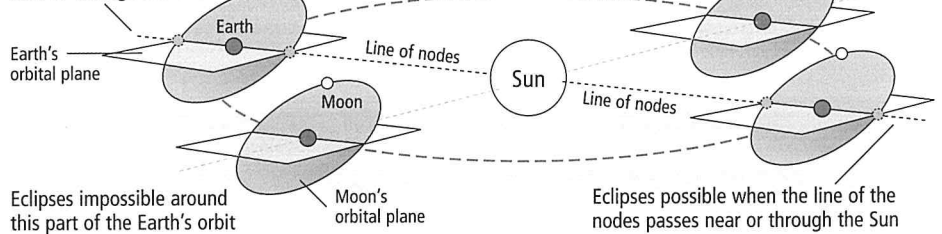
Lunar eclipses can only occur at Full Moon phase, where the Moon and Sun are on opposite sides of the Earth. So the Moon starts out very bright and dims significantly in the total eclipse. However, the Moon doesn't necessarily get completely obscured in the shadow – during total eclipse it can have a grey, orange, red or copper hue. Some sunlight can refract and bend through the Earth's atmosphere and this casts a glow on the Moon which is then reflected back to Earth. The colour and brightness can vary between eclipses as it depends on the type and amount of dust in the atmosphere that the sunlight traverses.

Lunar eclipses are necessarily nighttime eclipses, and are safe to view because the Moon is nowhere near as bright as the Sun. **(Solar (daytime) eclipses are unsafe to view.)** Special equipment is not necessary to observe lunar eclipses and a good view can be obtained with the unaided eye. Binoculars are easy to use and assist observation while providing a wide-field view.

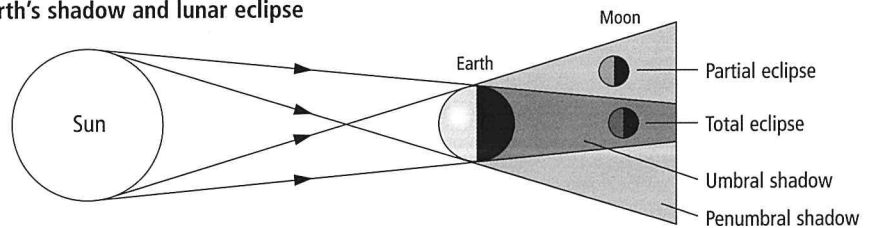
Lunar eclipses have played an important part in history. Some historical battles have been lost because of a belief by one side that a lunar eclipse was a bad omen. In 413 BCE, the Syracusan navy destroyed an Athenian fleet after its leader delayed a retreat on account of a total lunar eclipse, in 1453 the defenders of Constantinople were so frightened by a partial lunar eclipse that the fall of the city was hastened, and in 1917 Lawrence of Arabia's force was assisted in the capture of Aqaba when the town's superstitious defenders panicked during a lunar eclipse.

Moon and Earth's orbits

Solar and lunar eclipses can occur near these parts of Earth's orbit when the line of the nodes passes near or through the Sun



Earth's shadow and lunar eclipse



Before the night of a lunar eclipse in 1504, Christopher Columbus tricked disgruntled natives, in what is now Jamaica, to continue supplying him with food when he told them that God would make the Moon "appear inflamed with wrath, denoting the evils God would inflict upon them". The natives were so frightened that they continued supplying Columbus with food.

Lunar eclipses have aided our understanding of the world. Greek scientist/philosopher Aristotle (384-322 BCE) used the fact that the Earth's shadow seen in lunar eclipses was always circular to infer that the shape of the Earth was round. Aristarchus of Samos calculated the diameter of the Moon, in the 3rd C BCE, by measuring the duration of a lunar eclipse. Also, a partial solution to the 'longitude problem' was derived in the 17th C CE that involved the simultaneous observation of a lunar eclipse from many locations.

Solar and lunar eclipses often occur in pairs, and this is evident in the two pairs of eclipses that occur this year. This pairing occurs because the orbital plane of Moon about the Earth is aligned with the Earth to Sun direction around these times. This is the basic requirement in order for an eclipse to occur. The orientation of the Moon's orbital plane slowly changes and so eclipses don't always occur at New Moon (when solar eclipses can occur) and Full Moon (when lunar eclipses can occur).

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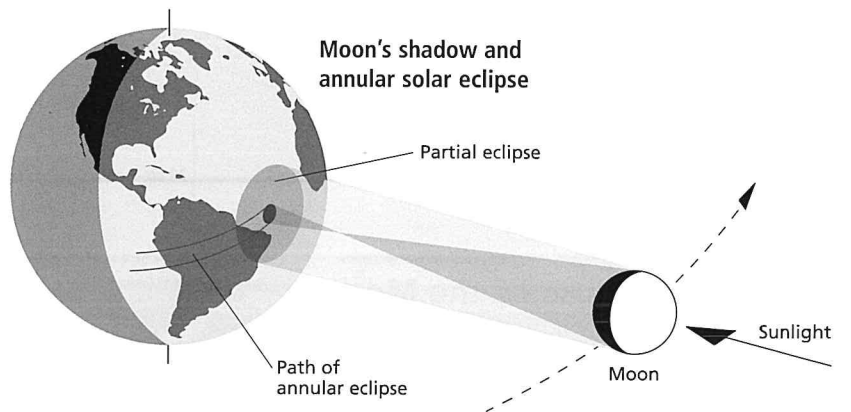
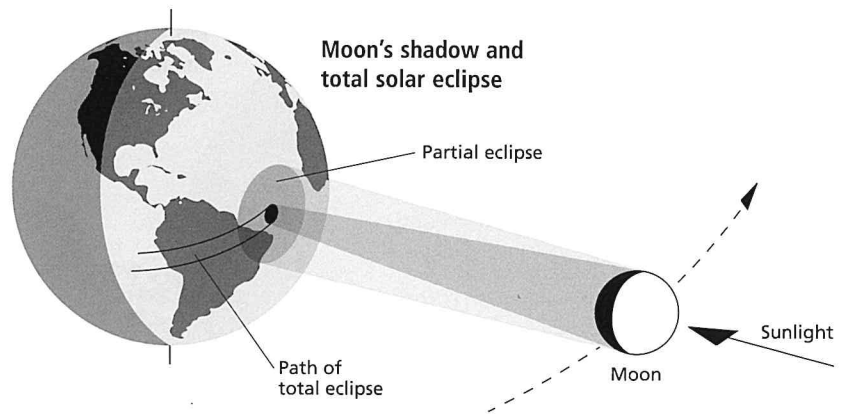
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Solar eclipses

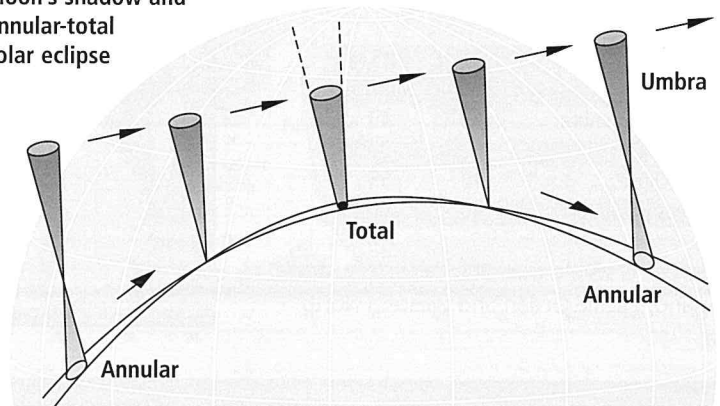
Solar eclipses are daytime eclipses and can only occur at New Moon phase when the Sun and Earth are on opposite sides of the Moon. The Moon's full shadow (umbra) is significantly smaller than that cast by the Earth and total solar eclipses only occur in a region approximately 20km wide. This shadow moves across the Earth in response to the motion of the Moon in its orbit about Earth, and Earth's orbital motion around the Sun. The penumbra of the Moon is quite large and a wide swath around the region of total eclipse experiences a partial solar eclipse. The amount of partial eclipse uniformly decreases to zero at the outer edge of the penumbra. Sometimes, the Sun, Moon and Earth alignment is not perfect and the eclipse is only partial.

Not only do solar eclipses require a geometrical lineup of the Sun, Moon and Earth, but they also require the angular size of the Moon on the sky to be large enough to obscure the Sun. At most times, the Moon covers approximately the same area on the sky as the Sun. However, at the times when the Moon is furthest from Earth, in its non-circular orbit, it covers a smaller area than that of the Sun. A similar situation occurs when the Sun is larger than average around the time the Earth is closest to the Sun (perihelion). (See the Angular Sizes of the Planets 2005 graph in Section: Solar System Information to see how the apparent size of both the Sun and Moon changes throughout the year.) Solar eclipses at these times cannot be total, and the Sun remains visible, from a region about 20 kilometres wide, as a ring around the edge of the Moon. Such events are called annular solar eclipses. So fine is this size balance that sometimes a solar eclipse can change from annular, to total, and sometimes back to annular. This occurs because of the curvature of the Earth's surface and so the region closest to the Moon can be up to one Earth radius, 6,371 kilometres, closer than surrounding regions. The solar eclipse of 2005 April 8 (April 9 in Australia) is one of the rare annular-total type, but unfortunately it is not visible from anywhere in Australia.

At the present epoch the proportion of each type of solar eclipse is; total 26%, annular 32%, partial 35%, and annular-total 5%. The remainder are relatively rare eclipses that occur at polar regions where only a part of the Moon's umbra, or its extension, intersects the Earth. On average, a given place on the Earth experiences a total eclipse every 375 years and an annular eclipse every 224 years. Total eclipses are more common the further north the latitude because solar eclipses are more common in summer and Earth's perihelion occurs in the



Moon's shadow and annular-total solar eclipse



northern summer. Annular eclipses are less frequent around equatorial regions because these regions are generally closer to the Moon. Southern regions also experience more annular eclipses than corresponding northern latitudes because the Earth is at aphelion (furthest from the Sun) in the southern summer.

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April 8: (April 9 in Australia) Annular-Total eclipse of the Sun

This event is not visible from anywhere in Australia.

This event is visible from New Zealand, southern United States, Central America, the Caribbean, and South America except the eastern and southern regions.

The annular eclipse begins at 1854 UT (0254 WAST, April 9) at longitude 175° West and latitude 48° South, becomes a total eclipse at 1905 UT at longitude 154° West and latitude 40° South, reverts to annular at 2203 UT at longitude 89° West and latitude 08° North and ends at 2218 UT (0618 WAST, April 9) at longitude 63° West and latitude 08° North.

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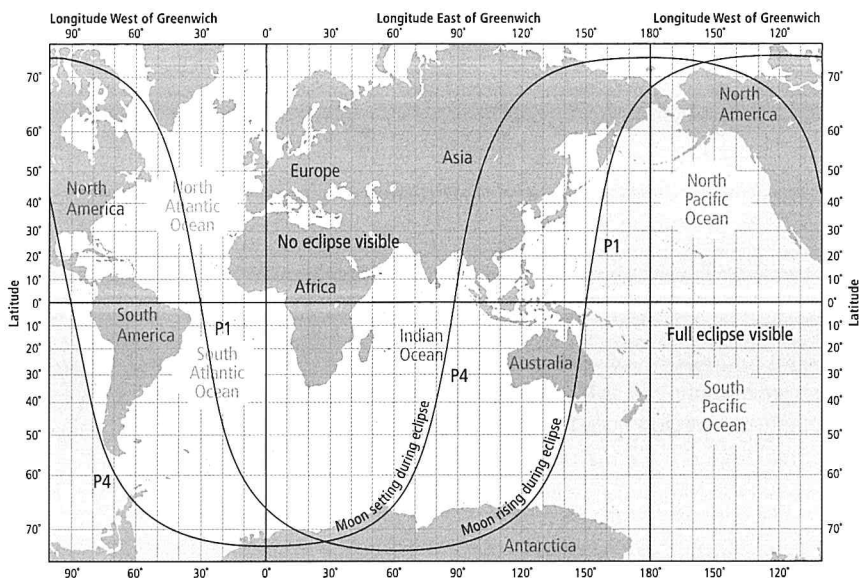
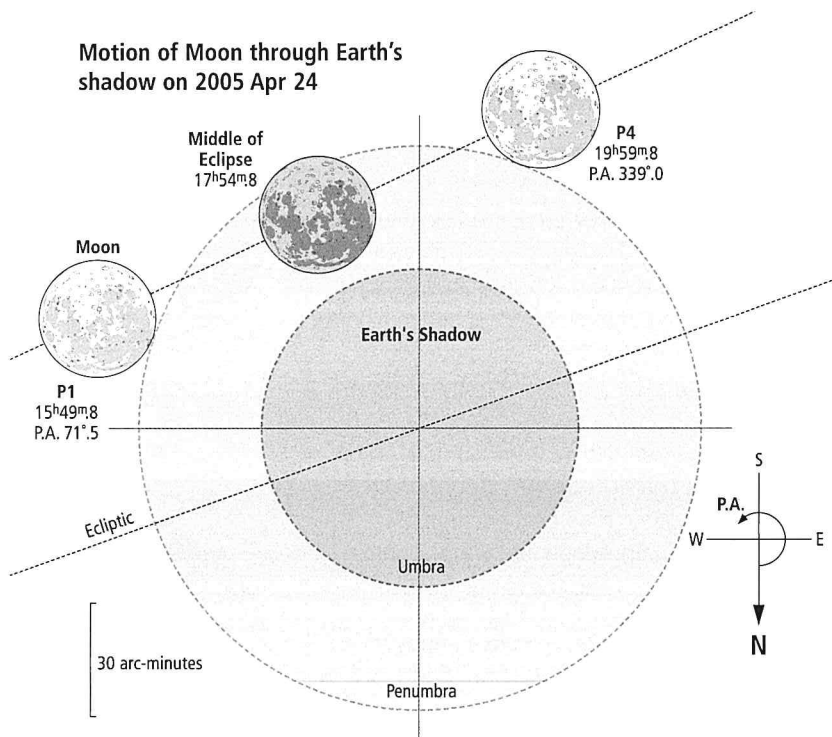
April 24: Penumbral Eclipse of the Moon

Only the latter portion of this eclipse is visible in WA as the eclipse starts before Moonrise. Furthermore, the Moon does not darken significantly as it only traverses the penumbra, the partial Earth shadow, and does not enter the umbra or full Earth shadow.

EVENT	TIME (WAST)	
	Hour	Minute
Moon enters penumbra	15	49
Moonrise (Perth)	17	38
Middle of eclipse	17	55
Moon leaves penumbra	20	00

All this eclipse is visible from the Eastern Australia, New Zealand, Pacific Ocean and western North America.

Motion of Moon through Earth's shadow on 2005 Apr 24



Occultations of planets and bright stars by the Moon

An occultation is the obscuration of one celestial body by another of greater apparent diameter; especially the passage of the Moon in front of a star or planet, or the disappearance of a satellite behind the disk of its primary. If the primary source of illumination of a reflecting body is cut off by the occultation, the phenomenon is also called an eclipse. The occultation of the Sun by the Moon is a solar eclipse. The Moon passes in front of the following planets and bright stars during this year.

Moon Occultations 2005

DATE (WAST) d h	Body	Areas of Visibility
Jan 4 10	Jupiter	Central Africa, S. Indian Ocean, S. Australia
Jan 8 04	Antares	S.E. Alaska, S.W. Canada
Jan 31 19	Jupiter	S. central Pacific Ocean, part of Antarctica
Feb 4 13	Antares	S. Scandinavia, E. Europe, N. Arabian peninsula, W. Asia
Feb 27 23	Jupiter	S. part of Australia, part of Antarctica
Mar 3 19	Antares	N. America except N.W. part, Central America, Caribbean and N. tip of S. America

DATE (WAST) d h	Body	Areas of Visibility
Mar 27 00	Jupiter	S. Indian Ocean, S.W. tip of Australia, most of Antarctica
Mar 31 01	Antares	N.E. China, S.E. Siberia, Korea, Japan, N. Pacific Ocean, Hawaiian Islands
Apr 23 02	Jupiter	S. half of Africa except S. tip, S. Indian Ocean, part of Antarctica
Apr 27 07	Antares	N.E. Africa, S.E. British Isles, Europe except N. Scandinavia, E. Asia

October 3: Annular Eclipse of the Sun

This event is not visible from anywhere in Australia.

This event is visible from eastern Greenland, Iceland, Europe, Africa except southern tip and western Asia.

The eclipse begins at 0843 UT (1643 WAST) at longitude 39° West and latitude 48° North and ends at 1220 UT (2020 WAST) at longitude 83° East and latitude 10° South.

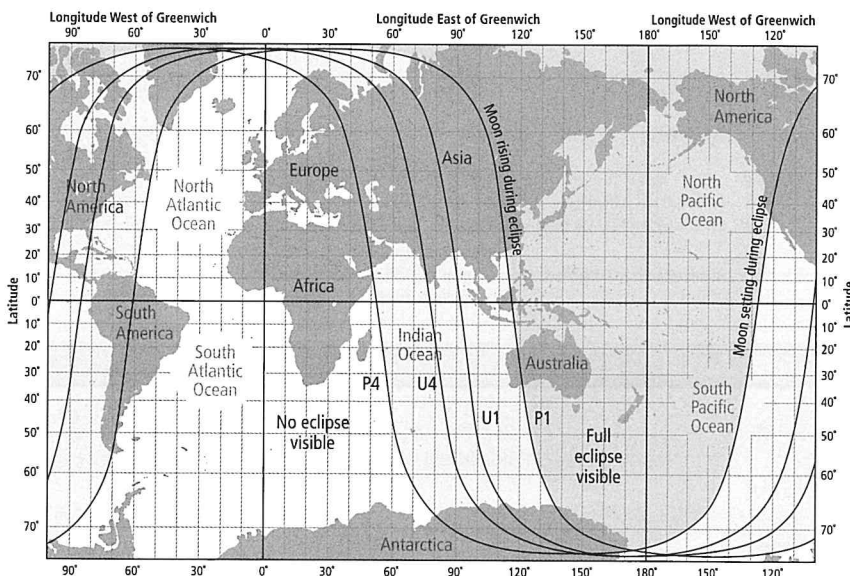
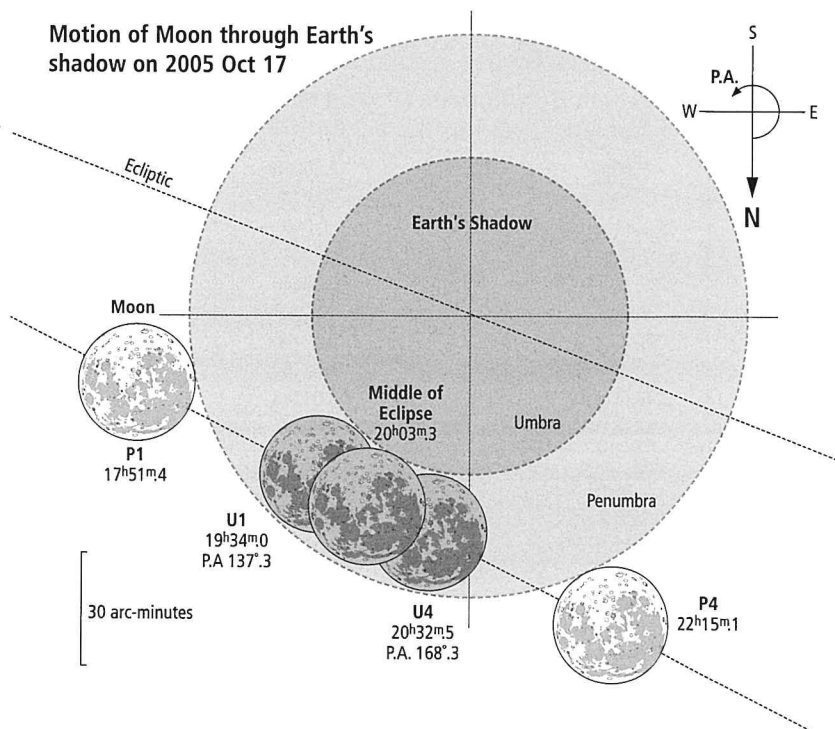
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October 17: Partial Eclipse of the Moon

This eclipse starts before Moonrise in WA. Furthermore, the Moon does not darken significantly as it mainly traverses the penumbra, the partial Earth shadow and only just touches the umbra, or full Earth shadow. It will be marginally darker than the April 24 penumbral eclipse of the Moon.

EVENT	TIME (WAST)	
	Hour	Minute
Moon enters penumbra	17	51
Moonrise (Perth)	18	22
Moon enters umbra	19	34
Moon leaves umbra	20	32
Moon leaves penumbra	22	15

This event is visible in its entirety from parts of eastern Australia, eastern Asia and western North America.



Moon Occultations 2005

DATE (WAST) d h	Body	Areas of Visibility
May 20 06	Jupiter	Caribbean, S. part of Central America, northern S. America, S. part of S. Africa
May 24 16	Antares	N.E. Pacific Ocean, N. America except N. part, Central America, Caribbean, N. tip of S. America
May 31 17	Mars	Part of Antarctica, S. part of S. America, central W. Africa
June 16 15	Jupiter	Indonesia, Philippines, N. Australia, Fiji, W. Samoa, New Zealand except S. tip
June 21 02	Antares	S.E. Europe, most of Arabia, southern and central Asia, N. Philippines
July 14 02	Jupiter	S. America except N. part, part of Antarctica
July 18 12	Antares	N.E. Pacific Ocean, S. and W. parts of the United States, Caribbean, N. part of S. America
Aug 8 12	Venus	Alaska, N.W. Canada
Aug 10 16	Jupiter	S. Indian Ocean, part of Antarctica
Aug 14 21	Antares	Arabian peninsula, S.W. Asia, India, S.E. Asia,

DATE (WAST) d h	Body	Areas of Visibility
Sept 7 14	Spica	Indonesia, Philippines, N. tip of Australia
Sept 7 17	Venus	N.E. Siberia, Kamchatka
Sept 11 04	Antares	S. part of Africa, part of Antarctica
Oct 8 09	Antares	S.W. tip of the United States, Central America, Caribbean, N. half of S. America, W. central Africa
Oct 8 09	Antares	Central Pacific Ocean, W. Samoa, W. tip of northern S. America
Nov 1 03	Spica	N.E. part of N. America except eastern tip
Nov 4 15	Antares	Arabia, E. tip of Africa, India, Indonesia, Philippines, N. Australia
Nov 28 12	Spica	N. China, central and N. Russia
Dec 12 13	Mars	N.E. Siberia
Dec 25 22	Spica	Northern and Central America except S.W. part, Caribbean and N. tip of S. America
Dec 29 10	Antares	India, S.E. Asia, Indonesia, Philippines, N. Australia, Fiji, W. Samoa

SOLAR SYSTEM INFORMATION

SUN & PLANET DATA

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Mercury	2440 ± 1	0.056	0.0000	3.302	5.427	3.701	0.106
Venus	6051.84 ± 0.01	0.857	0.000	48.685	5.204	8.87	0.65
Earth	6371.01 ± 0.02	1	0.00335	59.736	5.515	9.780327	0.367
Mars	3389.92 ± 0.04	0.151	0.00648	6.4185	3.9335 ± 0.0004	3.69	0.15
Jupiter	69911 ± 6	1321	0.06487	18986	1.326	23.12 ± 0.01	0.52
Saturn	58232 ± 6	764	0.09796	5684.6	0.6873	8.96 ± 0.01	0.47
Uranus	25362 ± 12	63	0.02293	868.32	1.318	8.69 ± 0.01	0.51
Neptune	24624 ± 21	58	0.01708	1024.3	1.638	11.00 ± 0.05	0.41
Pluto	1151	0.006	0.0000	0.1314 ± 0.0018	2	0.655	0.3

NAME	V (1,0) Brightness at opposition	SIDEREAL ROTATION PERIOD (hours)	SIDEREAL ORBIT PERIOD (Years)	a Semi-major axis (AU)	e eccentricity	i inclination (°)	OBLIQUITY (°)
Sun	-26.74	609.12	-	-	-	-	7.25
Mercury	-0.42	1407.509	0.2408467	0.38709893	0.20563069	7.00487	0.01
Venus	-4.4	-5832.444	0.61519726	0.72333199	0.00677323	3.39471	177.36
Earth	-3.86	23.93419	1.0000174	1.00000011	0.01671022	0.00005	23.45
Mars	-1.52	24.622962	1.8808476	1.52366231	0.09341233	1.85061	25.19
Jupiter	-9.4	9.92425	11.862615	5.20336301	0.04839266	1.30530	3.13
Saturn	-8.88	10.65622	29.447498	9.53707032	0.05415060	2.48446	26.73
Uranus	-7.19	17.24 ± 0.01	84.016846	19.19126393	0.04716771	0.76986	97.77
Neptune	-6.87	16.11 ± 0.01	164.79132	30.06896348	0.00858587	1.76917	28.32
Pluto	-1.0	153.28	247.92065	39.48168677	0.24880766	17.14175	122.53

Legend: Flattening

Degree to which poles are flattened with respect to the equator (difference between polar and equatorial radius as a proportion of the mean radius)
 Geometric Albedo Proportion of incident light reflected
 Sidereal Rotation Period Rotation period as measured from a fixed star (not measured from the orbiting Earth)
 Sidereal Orbit Period Orbital period as measured from a fixed star (not measured from the orbiting Earth)

V (1,0) Brightness at opposition (magnitude)
 a Semi-major Axis
 e Eccentricity
 i Inclination
 Obliquity Angle between rotation axis and orbital axis
 ± The uncertainty in the quantity

Data from NASA/JPL (<http://ssd.jpl.nasa.gov/>)

MOON & SATELLITE DATA

NAME	1/m _{pl} Proportion of Planet Mass	MEAN RADIUS (kilometres)	MEAN DENSITY (g/cm ³)	MAGNITUDE (V ₀ or R)	GEOMETRIC ALBEDO	a Semi-major axis (km)	e eccentricity	i inclination (°)	P Sidereal Period (days)
EARTH									
Moon	0.0123	1737.5 ± 0.1	3.344 ± 0.005	-12.74	0.12	384400	0.0554	5.16	27.322
MARS									
Deimos	3.740E-09	6.2 ± 0.18	2.247 ± 0.251	12.45 ± 0.05	0.068 ± 0.007	23460	0.0002	1.793	1.262
Phobos	1.651E-08	11.1 ± 0.15	1.867 ± 0.076	11.4 ± 0.2	0.071 ± 0.012	9380	0.0151	1.075	0.319
JUPITER									
Adrastea	3.95E-12	8.2 ± 2.0	3.0	18.7	0.100 ± 0.045	129000	0.0018	0.054	0.298
Aitne	2.37E-14	1.5	2.6	22.7	0.04	23229000	0.2643	165.091	730.18
Amalthea	1.09E-09	83.5 ± 2.4	0.849 ± 0.199	14.1 ± 0.2	0.090 ± 0.005	181400	0.0031	0.388	0.498
Ananke	1.58E-11	14	2.6	18.75 ± 0.02	0.04	21276000	0.2435	148.889	629.77
Autonoe	4.74E-14	2.0	2.6	22.0	0.04	24046000	0.3168	152.416	760.95
Callirrhoe	4.58E-13	4.3	2.6	20.73 ± 0.04	0.04	24103000	0.2828	147.158	758.77
Callisto	5.67E-05	2410.3 ± 1.5	1.834 ± 0.004	5.65 ± 0.10	0.17 ± 0.02	1882700	0.0074	0.187	16.69
Carme	6.95E-11	23	2.6	17.55 ± 0.02	0.04	23404000	0.2533	164.907	734.17
Chaldene	3.95E-14	1.9	2.6	22.5	0.04	23100000	0.2519	165.191	723.70
Elara	4.58E-10	43	2.6	16.32 ± 0.02	0.04	11741000	0.2174	26.627	259.64
Erinome	2.37E-14	1.6	2.6	22.8	0.04	23196000	0.2665	164.934	728.51
Euanthe	2.37E-14	1.5	2.6	22.8	0.04	20797000	0.2321	148.910	620.49
Euporie	7.89E-15	1.0	2.6	23.1	0.04	19304000	0.1432	145.767	550.74
Europa	2.53E-05	1560.8 ± 0.5	3.013 ± 0.005	5.29 ± 0.02	0.67 ± 0.03	671100	0.0094	0.469	3.551
Eurydome	2.37E-14	1.5	2.6	22.7	0.04	22865000	0.2759	150.274	717.33
Ganymede	7.81E-05	2631.2 ± 1.7	1.942 ± 0.005	4.61 ± 0.03	0.43 ± 0.02	1070400	0.0011	0.170	7.155
Harpalyke	6.31E-14	2.2	2.6	22.2	0.04	20858000	0.2268	148.644	623.31
Hermippe	4.74E-14	2.0	2.6	22.1	0.04	21131000	0.2096	150.725	633.90
Himalia	3.55E-09	85	2.6	14.62 ± 0.02	0.04	11461000	0.1623	27.496	250.56
Io	4.70E-05	1821.6 ± 0.5	3.528 ± 0.006	5.02 ± 0.03	0.63 ± 0.02	421800	0.0041	0.036	1.769
Iocaste	1.03E-13	2.6	2.6	21.8	0.04	21061000	0.2160	149.429	631.60

MOON & SATELLITE DATA (continued)

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Isonoe	3.95E-14	1.9	2.6	22.5	0.04	23155000	0.2471	165.268	726.25
Kale	7.89E-15	1.0	2.6	23.0	0.04	23217000	0.2599	164.996	729.47
Kalyke	1.03E-13	2.6	2.6	21.8	0.04	23566000	0.2465	165.159	742.03
Leda	5.76E-12	10	2.6	19.50 ± 0.03	0.04	11165000	0.1636	27.457	240.92
Lysithea	3.32E-11	18	2.6	18.25 ± 0.04	0.04	11717000	0.1124	28.302	259.20
Magaclite	3.63E-13	2.7	2.6	21.7	0.04	23493000	0.4197	152.769	752.88
Metis	3.95E-12	21.5 ± 2.0	3.0	17.5	0.061 ± 0.003	128000	0.0012	0.019	0.295
Orthosie	7.89E-15	1.0	2.6	23.1	0.04	20720000	0.2808	145.921	622.56
Pasiphae	1.58E-10	30	2.6	17.00 ± 0.20	0.04	23624000	0.4090	151.431	743.63
Pasithee	7.89E-15	1.0	2.6	23.2	0.04	23004000	0.2675	165.138	719.44
Praxidike	2.29E-13	3.4	2.6	21.2	0.04	20907000	0.2308	148.967	625.38
Sinope	3.95E-11	19	2.6	18.05 ± 0.02	0.04	23939000	0.2495	158.109	758.90
Sponde	7.89E-15	1.0	2.6	23.0	0.04	23487000	0.3121	150.998	748.34
Taygete	8.68E-14	2.5	2.6	21.9	0.04	23280000	0.2525	165.272	732.41
Thebe	5.76E-12	49.3 ± 2.0	3.0	16.0	0.047 ± 0.003	221900	0.0177	1.070	0.675
Themisto	3.63E-13	4.0	2.6	21.0	0.04	7284000	0.2426	43.259	130.02
Thyone	4.74E-14	2.0	2.6	22.3	0.04	20939000	0.2286	148.509	627.21
S/2000 J 11	4.74E-14	2.0	2.6	22.4	0.04	12555000	0.2484	28.273	286.95
S/2002 J 1	2.37E-14	1.5	2.6	22.8	0.04	22931000	0.2588	165.001	723.90
S/2003 J 1	4.74E-14	2	2.6	22.6	0.04	23661000	0.2721	165.482	746.39
S/2003 J 2	7.89E-15	1	2.6	23.2	0.04	29541000	0.2255	160.638	979.99
S/2003 J 3	7.89E-15	1	2.6	23.4	0.04	20221000	0.1970	147.550	583.88
S/2003 J 4	7.89E-15	1	2.6	23	0.04	23930000	0.3618	149.581	755.24
S/2003 J 5	4.74E-14	2	2.6	22.4	0.04	23495000	0.2478	165.247	738.73
S/2003 J 6	4.74E-14	2	2.6	22.6	0.04	21263000	0.1558	154.773	634.77
S/2003 J 7	4.74E-14	2	2.6	22.5	0.04	23981000	0.4322	158.257	761.50
S/2003 J 8	2.37E-14	1.5	2.6	22.9	0.04	23947000	0.3276	155.214	739.60
S/2003 J 9	7.89E-16	0.5	2.6	23.7	0.04	23384000	0.2632	165.079	733.29
S/2003 J 10	7.89E-15	1	2.6	23.6	0.04	23042000	0.4295	165.080	716.25
S/2003 J 11	7.89E-15	1	2.6	23.7	0.04	24043000	0.2640	165.504	764.74
S/2003 J 12	7.89E-16	0.5	2.6	23.9	0.04	15912000	0.6056	151.909	489.52
S/2003 J 13	7.89E-15	1	2.6	23.2	0.04	24349000	0.3189	149.255	751.91
S/2003 J 14	7.89E-15	1	2.6	23.6	0.04	23614000	0.3439	144.507	779.23
S/2003 J 15	7.89E-15	1	2.6	23.5	0.04	22627000	0.1916	146.510	689.77
S/2003 J 16	7.89E-15	1	2.6	23.3	0.04	20963000	0.2245	148.534	616.36
S/2003 J 17	7.89E-15	1	2.6	23.4	0.04	23001000	0.2379	164.917	714.47
S/2003 J 18	7.89E-15	1	2.6	23.4	0.04	20514000	0.0148	146.062	596.59
S/2003 J 19	7.89E-15	1	2.6	23.7	0.04	23533000	0.2557	165.161	740.42
S/2003 J 20	2.37E-14	1.5	2.6	23.0	0.04	16989000	0.4297	51.395	456.10
S/2003 J 21	7.89E-15	1	2.6	23.3	0.04	21069000	0.2273	148.635	620.04
S/2003 J 22	-	-	-	-	-	21162000	0.2206	151.417	628.09
S/2003 J 23	-	-	-	-	-	23563000	0.2714	146.314	732.44
SATURN									
Albiorix	3.69E-11	13	2.3	20.5	0.06	16394000	0.4791	33.979	783.47
Atlas	1.90E-11	16 ± 4	0.63	19.0	0.4	137700	0.000	0.000	0.602
Calypso	6.33E-12	9.5 ± 1.5	1.0	18.7	0.7	294700	0.0005	1.473	1.888
Dione	1.93E-06	559 ± 5	1.490 ± 0.040	10.4	0.6	377400	0.0002	0.002	2.737
Enceladus	1.83E-07	249.4 ± 0.2	1.603 ± 0.345	11.8	1.0	238100	0.0001	0.010	1.370
Epimetheus	9.41E-10	59.5 ± 3.0	0.606 ± 0.096	15.6	0.5	151400	0.0205	0.335	0.694
Erriapo	1.34E-12	4.3	2.3	23.0	0.06	17604000	0.4740	34.469	871.25
Helene	4.48E-11	16 ± 4	1.5	18.4	0.6	377400	0.0001	0.212	2.737
Hyperion	1.90E-08	133 ± 8	1.1 ± 0.6	14.4	0.3	1464100	0.0175	0.568	21.28
Iapetus	3.42E-06	718 ± 8	1.253 ± 0.168	11	0.6	3560800	0.0284	7.570	79.33
Ijiraq	2.11E-12	5	2.3	22.6	0.06	11442000	0.3215	46.730	451.47
Janus	3.39E-09	88.8 ± 4.0	0.656 ± 0.094	14.4	0.6	151500	0.0073	0.165	0.695
Kiviuq	5.80E-12	7	2.3	22.0	0.06	11365000	0.3336	46.148	449.22
Mimas	6.72E-08	198.6 ± 0.6	1.169 ± 0.023	12.8	0.6	185600	0.0206	1.566	0.942
Mundilfari	3.69E-13	2.8	2.3	23.8	0.06	18722000	0.2078	167.476	951.56
Paaliaq	1.45E-11	9.5	2.3	21.3	0.06	15198000	0.3632	45.077	686.94
Pan	4.75E-12	10 ± 3	0.63	19.4	0.5	133600	0.0000	0.000	0.575
Pandora	3.43E-10	42 ± 2	0.63 ± 0.1	16.4	0.5	141700	0.0044	0.000	0.629
Phoebe	1.27E-08	110 ± 10	1.3 ± 0.7	16.4	0.081 ± 0.002	12944300	0.1644	174.751	548.21
Prometheus	5.80E-10	50 ± 3	0.63 ± 0.1	15.8	0.6	139400	0.0023	0.000	0.613
Rhea	4.08E-06	764 ± 4	1.240 ± 0.044	9.6	0.6	527100	0.0009	0.327	4.518
Siarnaq	6.85E-11	16	2.3	20.1	0.06	18195000	0.2962	45.539	895.55

SOLAR SYSTEM INFORMATION

MOON & SATELLITE DATA (continued)

NAME	1/m _{pl} Proportion of Planet Mass	MEAN RADIUS (kilometres)	MEAN DENSITY (g/cm ³)	MAGNITUDE (V ₀ or R)	GEOMETRIC ALBEDO	a Semi-major axis (km)	e eccentricity	i inclination (°)	P Sidereal Period (days)
Skathi	5.54E-13	3.2	2.3	23.6	0.06	15641000	0.2690	152.621	728.18
Suttungr	3.69E-13	2.8	2.3	23.9	0.06	19465000	0.1140	175.811	1016.51
Tarvos	4.75E-12	6.5	2.3	22.1	0.06	18239000	0.5365	33.495	926.13
Telessto	1.27E-11	12 ± 3	1.0	18.5	1.0	294700	0.0010	1.158	1.888
Tethys	1.09E-06	529.8 ± 1.5	0.991 ± 0.009	10.2	0.8	294700	0.0001	0.168	1.888
Thrymr	3.69E-13	2.8	2.3	23.9	0.06	20219000	0.4852	175.815	1091.76
Titan	2.37E-04	2575 ± 2	1.881 ± 0.005	8.4	0.2	1221900	0.0288	1.634	15.95
Ymir	8.70E-12	8	2.3	21.7	0.06	23130000	0.3339	173.104	1315.33
S/2003 S 1	6.06E-13	3.3	2.3	24.0	0.06	18719000	0.3522	134.592	956.19
S/2004 S 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
S/2004 S 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
URANUS									
Ariel	1.56E-05	578.9 ± 0.6	1.665 ± 0.147	13.70 ± 0.04	0.39 ± 0.04	190900	0.0012	0.041	2.520
Belinda	4.11E-09	40.3 ± 8	1.3	21.47 ± 0.09	0.07	75300	0.0001	0.031	0.624
Bianca	1.07E-09	25.7 ± 2	1.3	22.52 ± 0.24	0.07	59200	0.0009	0.193	0.435
Caliban	8.46E-09	49	1.5	22.42 ± 0.03	0.07	7231000	0.1587	140.881	579.73
Cordelia	5.18E-10	20.1 ± 3	1.3	23.62 ± 0.35	0.07	49800	0.0003	0.085	0.335
Cressida	3.95E-09	39.8 ± 2	1.3	21.58 ± 0.11	0.07	61800	0.0004	0.006	0.464
Desdemona	2.05E-09	32.0 ± 4	1.3	21.99 ± 0.16	0.07	62700	0.0001	0.113	0.474
Juliet	6.42E-09	46.8 ± 4	1.3	21.12 ± 0.05	0.07	64400	0.0007	0.065	0.493
Miranda	7.59E-07	235.8 ± 0.7	1.201 ± 0.137	15.79 ± 0.04	0.32 ± 0.03	129900	0.0013	4.338	1.413
Oberon	3.47E-05	761.4 ± 2.6	1.630 ± 0.043	13.70 ± 0.04	0.23 ± 0.03	583500	0.0014	0.068	13.46
Ophelia	6.21E-10	21.4 ± 4	1.3	23.26 ± 0.25	0.07	53800	0.0099	0.104	0.376
Portia	1.94E-08	67.6 ± 4	1.3	20.42 ± 0.05	0.07	66100	0.0001	0.059	0.513
Prospero	2.42E-10	15	1.5	23.2	0.07	16256000	0.4448	151.966	1978.29
Puck	3.33E-08	81 ± 2	1.3	19.75 ± 0.05	0.07	86000	0.0001	0.319	0.762
Rosalind	2.93E-09	36 ± 6	1.3	21.79 ± 0.13	0.07	69900	0.0001	0.279	0.558
Setebos	2.42E-10	15	1.5	23.3	0.07	17418000	0.5914	158.202	2225.21
Stephano	6.90E-11	10	1.5	24.1	0.07	8004000	0.2292	144.113	677.36
Sycorax	6.20E-08	95	1.5	20.82 ± 0.04	0.07	12179000	0.5224	159.404	1288.30
Titania	4.06E-05	788.9 ± 1.8	1.715 ± 0.044	13.49 ± 0.04	0.27 ± 0.03	436300	0.0011	0.079	8.706
Trinculo	8.63E-12	5	1.5	25.4	0.04	8504000	0.2200	167.050	749.24
Umbriel	1.35E-05	584.7 ± 2.8	1.400 ± 0.163	14.47 ± 0.04	0.21 ± 0.02	266000	0.0039	0.128	4.144
S/2001 U 2	1.55E-11	6	1.5	25.1	0.04	20901000	0.3682	169.840	2887.21
S/2001 U 3	1.55E-11	6	1.5	25.0	0.04	4276000	0.1459	145.220	266.56
S/2003 U 3	1.21E-11	5.5	1.5	25.2	0.04	14345000	0.6608	56.630	1687.01
NEPTUNE									
Despina	2.42E-08	75 ± 3	1.3	22.0	0.090	52526	0.0002	0.064	0.335
Galatea	4.31E-08	88 ± 4	1.3	21.8	0.079	61953	0.0000	0.062	0.429
Larissa	5.70E-08	97 ± 3	1.3	21.5	0.091	73548	0.0014	0.205	0.555
Naiad	2.24E-09	33 ± 3	1.3	23.9	0.072	48227	0.0004	4.746	0.294
Nereid	3.56E-07	170 ± 25	1.5	19.7	0.155	5513400	0.7512	7.232	360.14
Proteus	5.80E-07	210 ± 7	1.3	19.8	0.096	117647	0.0005	0.026	1.122
Thalassa	4.31E-09	41 ± 3	1.3	23.3	0.091	50075	0.0002	0.209	0.327
Triton	2.46E-04	1353.4 ± 0.9	2.061 ± 0.007	13.472 ± 0.041	0.756 ± 0.041	354800	0.0000	156.834	5.877
S/2002 N 1	1.04E-09	24	1.5	25.0	0.04	15728000	0.5711	134.101	1879.71
S/2002 N 2	1.04E-09	24	1.5	25.0	0.04	22422000	0.2931	48.511	2914.07
S/2002 N 3	1.04E-09	24	1.5	25.0	0.04	23571000	0.4237	34.741	3167.85
S/2002 N 4	1.90E-09	30	1.5	24.6	0.04	48387000	0.4945	132.585	9373.99
S/2003 N 1	1.73E-10	14	1.5	25.5	0.04	46695000	0.4499	137.391	9115.91
PLUTO									
Charon	0.123	593 ± 13	1.853 ± 0.158	17.26 ± 0.01	0.372 ± 0.012	19410	0.0002	99.089	6.387

Table column headings:

1/m_{pl} Proportion of its planet's mass
Mean radius If no uncertainty is given, the value is computed from the magnitude and albedo
Mean density Derived from the GM and mean radius when an uncertainty is given, otherwise assumed
Magnitude Mean opposition magnitude: V₀, or red magnitude, R
Geometric Albedo Proportion of incident light reflected

a Semi-major Axis (mean value)
e Eccentricity (mean value)
i Inclination with respect to the reference plane
P Sidereal period (mean value)

- Note 1: Moons are listed in alphabetical order, except for those recently discovered.
 Note 2: Some data is unavailable owing to the relatively short time since the body was discovered
 Note 3: Scientific notation is used in order to save space. Eg. 1.66667E-08 is the 'computer notation' equivalent to 1.66667 x 10⁻⁰⁸ = 0.0000000166667
 Note 4: Moon names of the form S/2004 X 1 are only provisional. The S indicates a satellite of a planet (a moon), the next four digits indicate the year in which it was discovered, the X can have values J, S, U or N indicating the moon orbits either Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus or Neptune, respectively, and the last number indicates the order in which this moon was discovered if more than one was discovered for the planet in the given year.

Planet and satellite names

The naked eye planets were named in antiquity. But what about newly discovered moons and the geographical features revealed by spacecraft? A Commission of the International Astronomical Union (the organisation of professional astronomers) oversees and regulates naming. The rules are based on the needs of the astronomical community and reflect its international character and historical traditions. Planetary geographical features have Latin names. Latin is traditional, apolitical, and the closest thing to a universal language in history. The major rules are:

1. Nomenclature should be simple, clear, and unambiguous.
2. The number of names chosen for each body should be kept to a minimum, and their placement governed by the requirements of the scientific community.
3. Individual names chosen for each body should be expressed in the language of origin.
4. Where possible, the themes established in early Solar System nomenclature should be used and expanded on.
5. Solar System nomenclature should be international in its choice of names.
6. No names having political, military or religious significance may be used, except for names of political figures prior to the 19th century.
7. Features cannot be named after living people. Persons being so honoured must have been deceased for at least three years.
8. Features cannot be named for any religious figures from Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism or Confucianism.

MEANINGS OF PLANET AND SATELLITE NAMES

NAME	MEANING	NAME	MEANING
Mercury	Named Mercurius by the Romans because it appears to move so swiftly.	Pasiphaë	Wife of Minos, mother of the Minotaur.
Venus	Roman name for the goddess of love. This planet was considered to be the brightest and most beautiful planet or 'star' in the heavens. Other civilizations have named it for their god(ess) of love and/or war.	Sinope	Daughter of the river god Asopos and Merope, she was abducted by Apollo.
Earth	The name Earth comes from the Indo-European base 'er', which produced the Germanic noun 'ertho', and ultimately German 'erde', Dutch 'aarde', Danish and Swedish 'jord', and English 'earth'. Related forms include Greek 'eraze', meaning 'on the ground', and Welsh 'erw', meaning 'a piece of land'.	Lysithea	Daughter of Kadmos, also named Semele, mother of Dionysos by Zeus. According to others, she was the daughter of Evenus and mother of Helenus by Jupiter.
Moon	Every civilization has had a name for the satellite of Earth that is known, in English, as the Moon. The name is of Anglo-Saxon derivation. The Moon is known as Luna in Italian, Latin, and Spanish, as Lune in French, as Mond in German, and as Selene in Greek.	Carme	A nymph and attendant of Artemis; mother, by Zeus, of Britomartis.
Mars	Named by the Romans for their god of war because of its red, bloodlike colour. Other civilizations also named this planet from this attribute; for example, the Egyptians named it 'Her Desher', meaning 'the red one'.	Ananke	Goddess of fate and necessity, mother of Adrastea by Zeus.
Phobos	Inner satellite of Mars. Named for one of the horses that drew Mars' chariot; also called attendant or son of Mars. Greek word means flight.	Leda	Seduced by Zeus in the form of a swan, she was the mother of Pollux and Helen.
Deimos	Outer Martian satellite and named for one of Mars' horses/sons/companions. Deimos means fear in Greek.	Thebe	A nymph abducted by Zeus, she is the namesake of the Greek city of Thebes.
Jupiter	The largest and most massive of the planets was named Zeus by the Greeks and Jupiter by the Romans; he was the most important deity in both pantheons. Satellites in the Jovian system are named for Zeus/Jupiter's lovers and descendants.	Adrastea	A nymph of Crete to whose care Rhea entrusted the infant Zeus.
Galileo discovered Io, Europa, Ganymede, and Callisto in 1610. Galileo suggested that the four be known as 'Medicea Sidera' to honour his patron, but the name was not accepted by other astronomers. Instead, they chose names given to the four satellites by Marius (who claimed to have discovered the Jovian satellites shortly before Galileo) in 1613; the names were of four of Jupiter's illicit loves. (Galileo refused to accept Marius' names; instead he identified the moons by Roman numerals, a secondary designation system that has been adopted for all satellite systems to the present.)		Metis	First wife of Zeus. He swallowed her when she became pregnant; Athena was subsequently born from the forehead of Zeus.
Io	Io, the daughter of Inachus, was changed by Jupiter into a cow to protect her from Hera's jealous wrath. But Hera recognised Io and sent a gadfly to torment her. Io, maddened by the fly, wandered throughout the Mediterranean region.	Callirrhoe	A daughter of the river god Achelous, wife of Alcmaeon who lost the war for Thebes.
Europa	Beautiful daughter of Agenor, king of Tyre, she was seduced by Jupiter, who had assumed the shape of a white bull. When Europa climbed on his back he swam with her to Crete, where she bore several children, including Minos.	Themisto	Wife of Athamas, King of Thebes. She tried to kill Ino's children, but killed her own by mistake. There is also another Themisto who was involved in a love affair with Zeus.
Ganymede	Beautiful young boy who was carried to Olympus by Jupiter disguised as an eagle. Ganymede then became the cupbearer of the Olympian gods.	Megaclite	Daughter of Macareus, who with Zeus gave birth to Thebe and Locrus.
Callisto	Beautiful daughter of Lycaon, she was seduced by Jupiter, who changed her into a bear to protect her from Hera's jealousy.	Taygete	One of the Greek Pleiades. Daughter of Atlas, mother of Lacedaemon by Zeus.
Amalthea	A naiad (a goat in some accounts, a princess of Crete in others) who suckled Zeus (Jupiter) as a young child.	Chaldene	Bore the son Solymos with Zeus.
Himalia	A Rhodian nymph who bore three sons of Zeus.	Harpalyke	Daughter and wife of Clymenus. In revenge for this incestuous relationship, she killed the son she bore him, cooked the corpse, and served it to Clymenus. She was transformed into the night bird called Chalkis, and Clymenus hanged himself.
Elara	Daughter of King Orchomenus, a paramour of Zeus, and the mother of the giant Tityus.	Kalyke	Nymph who bore the handsome son Endymion with Zeus.
		locaste	Wife of Laius, King of Thebes, and mother of Oedipus. After Laius was killed, locaste unknowingly married her own son Oedipus. When she learned that her husband was her son, she killed herself.
		Erinome	Daughter of Celes, compelled by Venus to fall in love with Zeus.
		Isonoe	A Danaid who bore with Zeus the son Orchomenos or Chrysen.
		Praxidike	Greek goddess of punishment of evil actions, justice, and of retribution.
		Autonoe	Mother of the Graces by Zeus, according to some authorities.
		Thyone	Semele, mother of Dionysos by Zeus. She received the name of Thyone in Hades by Dionysos before he ascended up with her from there to heaven.
		Hermippe	Consort of Zeus and mother of Orchomenos by him.
		Aitne	A Sicilian nymph and lover of Zeus.
		Eurydome	Mother of the Graces by Zeus, according to some authorities.
		Euanthe	Mother of the Graces by Zeus, according to some authorities.
		Euporie	One of the Horae (seasons), a daughter of Jupiter and Themis.

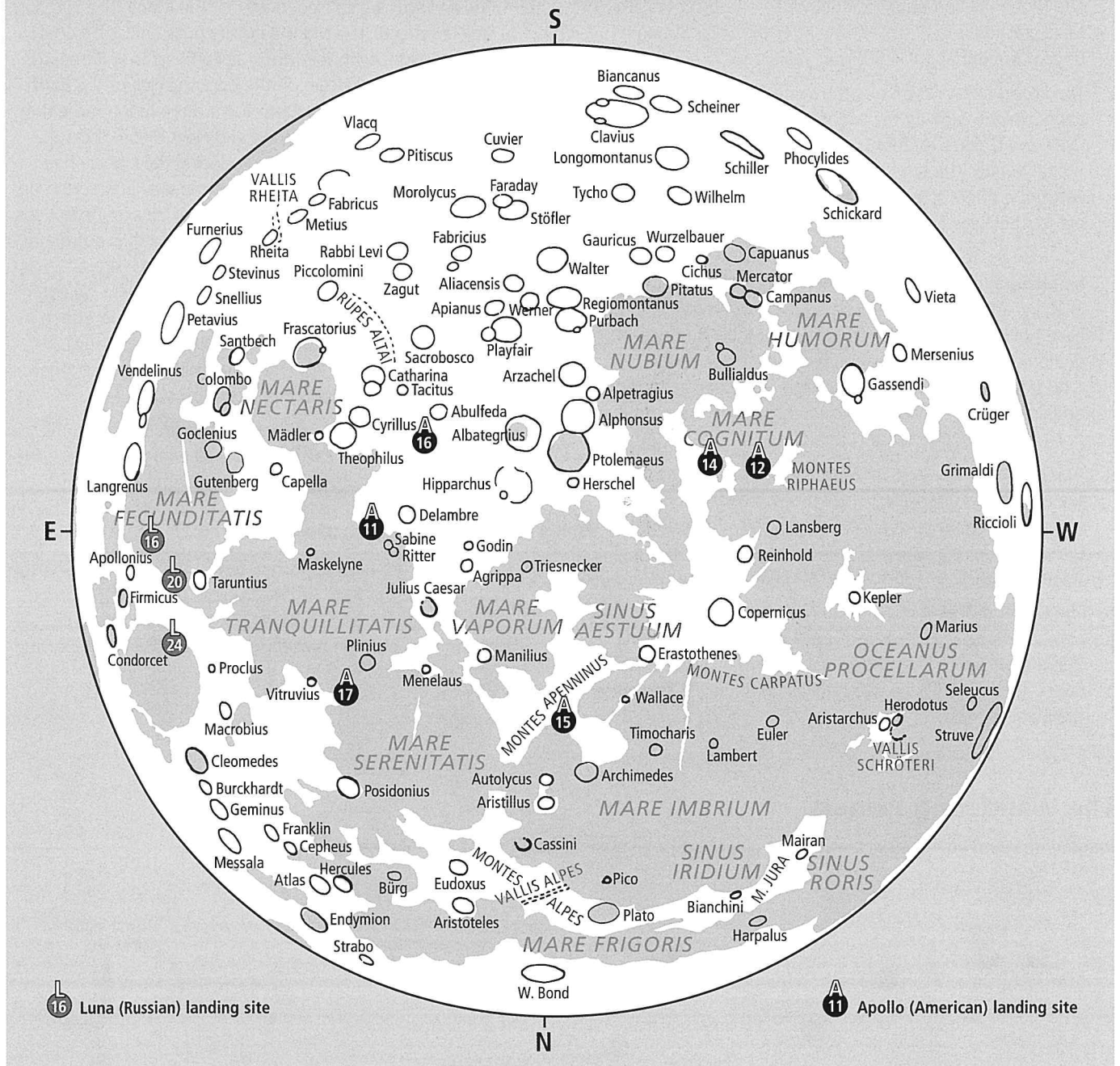
MEANINGS OF PLANET AND SATELLITE NAMES

NAME	MEANING	NAME	MEANING
Orthosie	One of the Horae (seasons), a daughter of Jupiter and Themis.	Uranus	Uranus was discovered by William Herschel in 1781. Several astronomers, including Flamsteed and Le Monnier, had observed it earlier but had recorded it as a fixed star. Herschel tried unsuccessfully to name his discovery 'Georgian Sidus' after George III; the planet was named by Johann Bode in 1781 for the father of Saturn.
Sponde	One of the Horae (seasons), daughter of Jupiter.		Uranus is the only body in the Solar System with moons not named from classical mythology – its moons are named from works by Shakespeare and Alexander Pope. Any future satellites will follow that naming convention.
Kale	One of the Graces, a daughter of Zeus, husband of Hephaistos.	Ariel	A sylph in Pope's 'Rape of the Lock'.
Pasithee	One of the Graces, a daughter of Zeus.	Umbriel	A malevolent spirit in Pope's 'Rape of the Lock'.
Saturn	Roman name for the Greek Cronos, father of Zeus/Jupiter. Other civilizations have given other names to Saturn, which is the farthest planet from Earth that can be observed by the naked human eye. Most of its satellites were named for Titans who, according to Greek mythology, were brothers and sisters of Saturn. In Greek mythology, the Titans were a race of godlike giants who were considered to be the personifications of the forces of nature. They were the twelve children (six sons and six daughters) of Gaia and Uranus. Satellites in the Saturnian system are named for Greco-Roman Titans, descendants of the Titans, the Roman god of the beginning, and giants from Greco-Roman and other mythologies. Gallic, Inuit and Norse names identify three different orbit inclination groups.	Titania	Queen of the fairies in Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'.
Mimas	Named for a Titan felled by Hephaestus (or Ares) in the war between the Titans and Olympian gods.	Oberon	King of the fairies in Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'.
Enceladus	The Giant Enceladus was crushed by Athene in the battle between the Olympian gods and the Titans. Earth piled on top of him became the island of Sicily.	Miranda	Heroine of Shakespeare's 'The Tempest'.
Tethys	Tethys was the wife of Oceanus and mother of all rivers and Oceanids.	Cordelia	Daughter of Lear in Shakespeare's 'King Lear'.
Dione	Dione was the sister of Cronos and mother (by Zeus) of Aphrodite.	Ophelia	Daughter of Polonius, fiancée of Hamlet in Shakespeare's 'Hamlet, Prince of Denmark'.
Rhea	Daughter of Cronos and mother of Zeus.	Bianca	Daughter of Baptista, sister of Kate in Shakespeare's 'Taming of the Shrew'.
Titan	Discovered and named in 1655 by C. Huygens, who first called it 'Luna Saturni'.	Cressida	Title character in Shakespeare's 'Troilus and Cressida'.
Hyperion	A Titan who married his sister Theia and has three children – Helios, Selene and Eos.	Desdemona	Wife of Othello in Shakespeare's 'Othello, the Moor of Venice'.
Iapetus	A Titan whose wife was Clymene, with whom he had four children – Atlas, Menoetius, Prometheus and Epimetheus.	Juliet	Heroine of Shakespeare's 'Romeo and Juliet'.
Phoebe	She married her brother Coeus and was the mother of Leto and Asteria. It is said that she owned the oracle of Delphi before Apollo took it over.	Portia	Wife of Brutus in Shakespeare's 'Julius Caesar'.
Janus	Named for the two-faced Roman god who could look forward and backward at the same time. Shares the same orbit with Epimetheus but they never actually collide.	Rosalind	Daughter of the banished duke in Shakespeare's 'As You Like It'.
Epimetheus	Named for the Greek backward-looking god. Shares the same orbit Janus but they never actually collide.	Belinda	Character in Pope's 'Rape of the Lock'.
Helene	The daughter of Tityrus, and one of the Amazons. A granddaughter of Kronos, for her beauty she triggered off the Trojan War	Puck	Mischievous spirit in Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'.
Telesto	One of 3,000 Oceanides, water nymphs born to Oceanus and Tethys.	Caliban	Named for the grotesque, brutish slave in Shakespeare's 'The Tempest'.
Calyпсо	Daughter of the Titans Oceanus and Tethys and paramour of Odysseus.	Sycorax	Named for Caliban's mother in Shakespeare's 'The Tempest'.
Atlas	Held the heavens on his shoulders.	Prospero	Named for the rightful Duke of Milan in 'The Tempest'.
Prometheus	Son of the Titan Iapetus, brother of Atlas and Epimetheus, he gave many gifts to humanity, including fire which he stole from Zeus and the gods.	Setebos	Setebos was a new-world (South American) deity's name that Shakespeare popularised as Sycorax's god in 'The Tempest'.
Pandora	Made of clay by Hephaestus at the request of Zeus. She married Epimetheus and opened the box that loosed a host of plagues upon humanity.	Stephano	Named for a drunken butler in 'The Tempest'.
Pan	Son of the Titan Kronos and Rhea. He was half human, half goat – god of pastoralism.	Trinculo	Trinculo is an entertainer without an audience in 'The Tempest'.
Ymir	Ymir is the primordial Norse giant and the progenitor of the race of frost giants.	Neptune	Neptune was actually 'observed' as early as 1690 by John Flamsteed, who thought it was a fixed star. It was 'predicted' by John Couch Adams and Urbain Le Verrier who, independently, were able to account for the irregularities in the motion of Uranus by correctly predicting the orbital elements of a trans-Uranian body. Using the predicted parameters of Le Verrier (Adams never published his predictions), Johann Galle observed the planet in 1846. Galle wanted to name the planet for Le Verrier, but that was not acceptable to the international astronomical community. Instead, this planet is named for the Roman god of the sea. Satellites in the Neptunian system are named for characters from Greek or Roman mythology associated with Neptune /Poseidon or the oceans.
Paaliaq	An Inuit giant.	Triton	Triton is named for the sea-god son of Poseidon (Neptune) and Amphitrite.
Tarvos	A Gallic giant.	Nereid	The Nereids were the fifty daughters of Nereus and Doris and were attendants of Neptune.
Ijiraq	An Inuit giant.	Naiad	The name of a group of Greek water nymphs who were guardians of lakes, fountains, springs and rivers.
Suttungr	Named for a Norse giant who kindled flames that destroyed the world.	Thalassa	Greek sea goddess. Mother of Aphrodite in some legends; others say she bore the Telchines.
Kiviuq	An Inuit giant.	Despina	Daughter of Poseidon (Neptune) and Demeter.
Mundilfari	In Norse myth, there was once a giant named Mundilfari who was married to Glaur. Their children were so beautiful that he named his son Mani (Moon) and his daughter Sol (Sun).	Galatea	One of the Nereids, attendants of Poseidon.
Albiorix	'King of the world'. An alternative name of the Gallic god Teutates. He is the god of war, fertility, and wealth.	Larissa	A lover of Poseidon.
Skathi	A giantess, called the 'snow-shoe goddess', and the embodiment of winter. She is the wife of the god Njord.	Proteus	Greek sea god, son of Oceanus and Tethys.
Erriapo	A Gallic giant.	Pluto	Discovered in 1930 by American astronomer Clyde W. Tombaugh at Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Arizona, during a systematic search for a trans-Neptune planet predicted by Percival Lowell and William H. Pickering. Named after Greek god of the underworld who was able to render himself invisible.
Siarnaq	An Inuit giant.	Charon	Discovered in 1978 by James W. Christy. Named after the mythological boatman who ferried souls across the river Styx to Pluto for judgement.
Thymr	Named for a Norse giant.		

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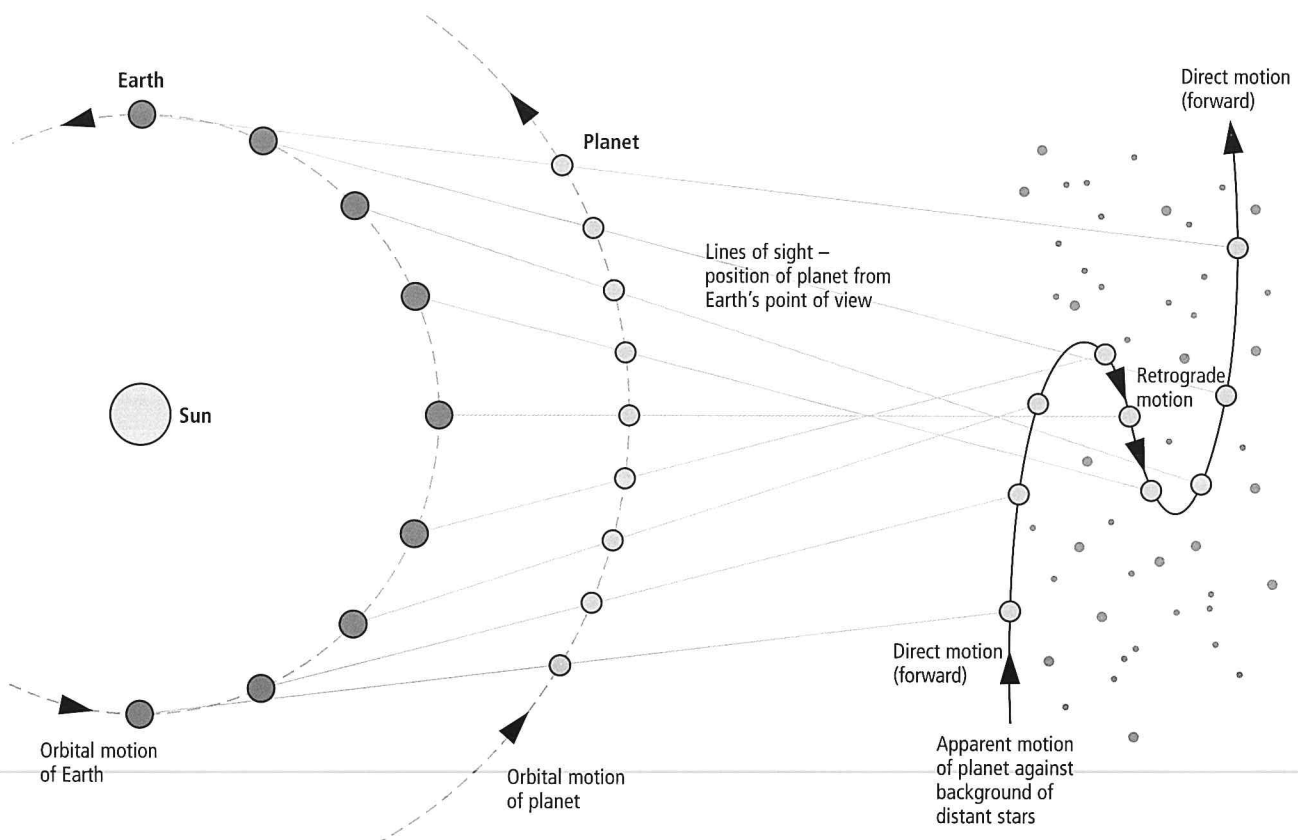
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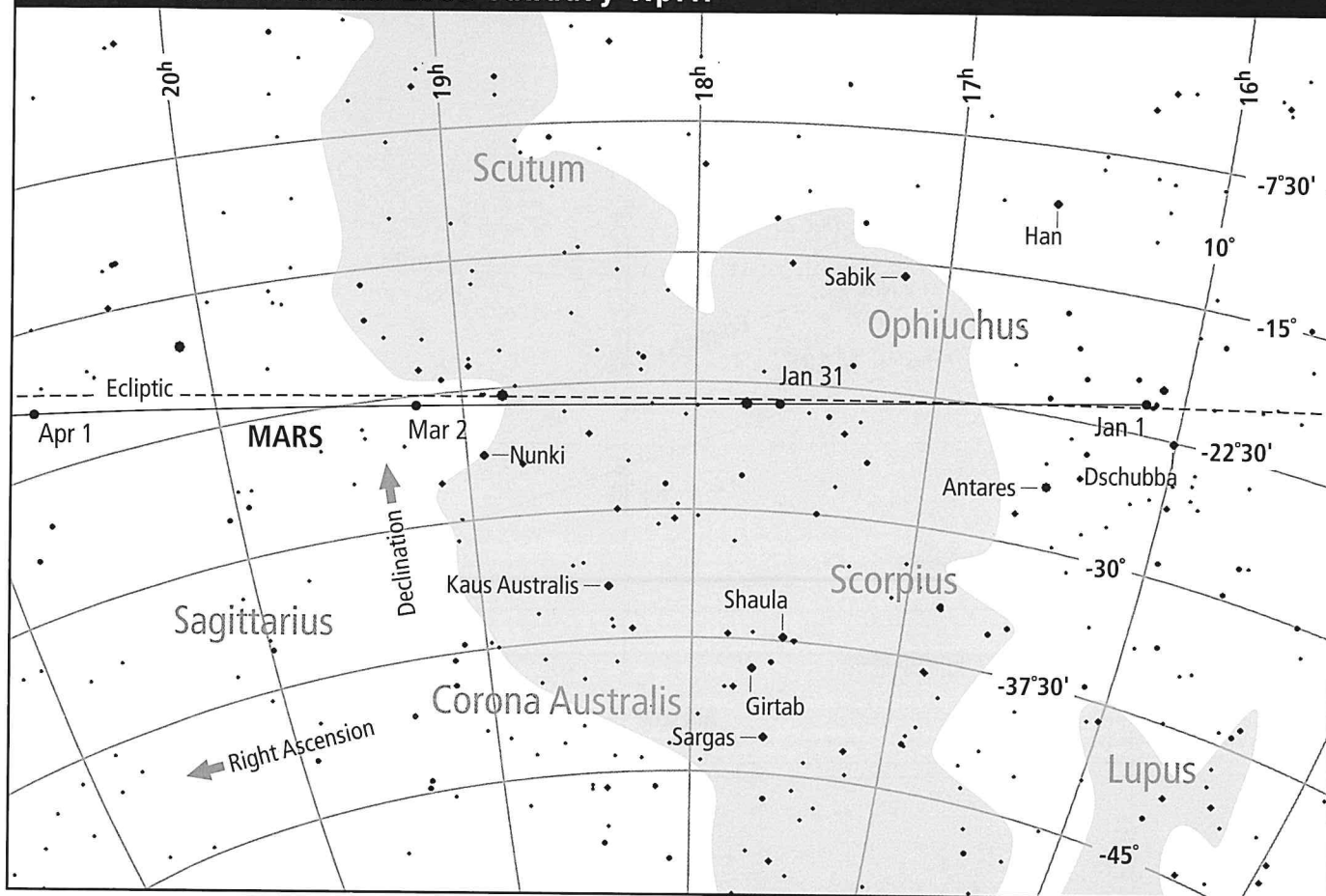
1. The Moon was probably created when an object the size of Mars crashed into Earth, shortly after the Solar System began forming about 4.5 billion years ago.
2. The Moon always shows us the same face. Long ago, the Earth's gravity slowed the Moon's rotation about its axis. Once the Moon's rotation slowed enough to match its orbital period (the time it takes the Moon to go around Earth) the effect steadied. Many of the moons around other planets behave similarly.
3. The Moon's heavily cratered surface is the result of intense bombardment by space rocks between 4.1 billion and 3.8 billion years ago. The craters are scars from this event. They have not changed much because, the Moon is not very geologically active, so earthquakes, volcanoes and mountain-building don't destroy the landscape as they do on Earth, and with virtually no atmosphere there is no wind or rain, so very little erosion occurs.
4. Apollo astronauts used seismometers during their visits to the Moon and discovered small moonquakes originating several kilometres below the surface. They are thought to be caused by the gravitational pull of Earth. Sometimes tiny fractures appear at the surface, and gas escapes.
5. The Moon probably has a small core that is hot and perhaps partially molten, as is Earth's core. It's between 2 and 4 percent of its mass which is tiny compared with Earth, in which the iron core makes up about 30 percent of the planet's mass.
6. Tides on Earth are caused mostly by the Moon (the Sun has a smaller effect). The Moon's gravity pulls on Earth's oceans. High tide aligns with the Moon as Earth spins underneath. Another high tide occurs on the opposite side of the Earth because gravity pulls the Earth toward the Moon more than it pulls the water. At Full Moon and New Moon, the Sun, Earth and Moon are lined up, producing the higher than normal tides (called spring tides, for the way they spring up). When the Moon is at first or last quarter, smaller neap tides form. The Moon's 29.5-day orbit around Earth is not quite circular. When the Moon is closest to Earth (called its perigee), spring tides are even higher, and they're called perigean spring tides. This has another interesting effect: Some of Earth's rotational energy is lost to the Moon, causing our planet to slow down so that the day lengthens by about 1.5 milliseconds every century.
7. The Moon is moving away from the Earth. Each year, the Moon takes some of Earth's rotational energy, and uses it to propel itself about 38 mm higher in its orbit. When it formed, the Moon was about 22,530 km from Earth, but it's now more than 380,000 km away.
8. The Moon's orbit lies approximately in the same plane as the Earth's about the Sun. At Last Quarter phase the Moon's orbital position is at its furthest ahead of the Earth. The location of the Moon is also within about 5° of the direction that the Earth is heading at that time.

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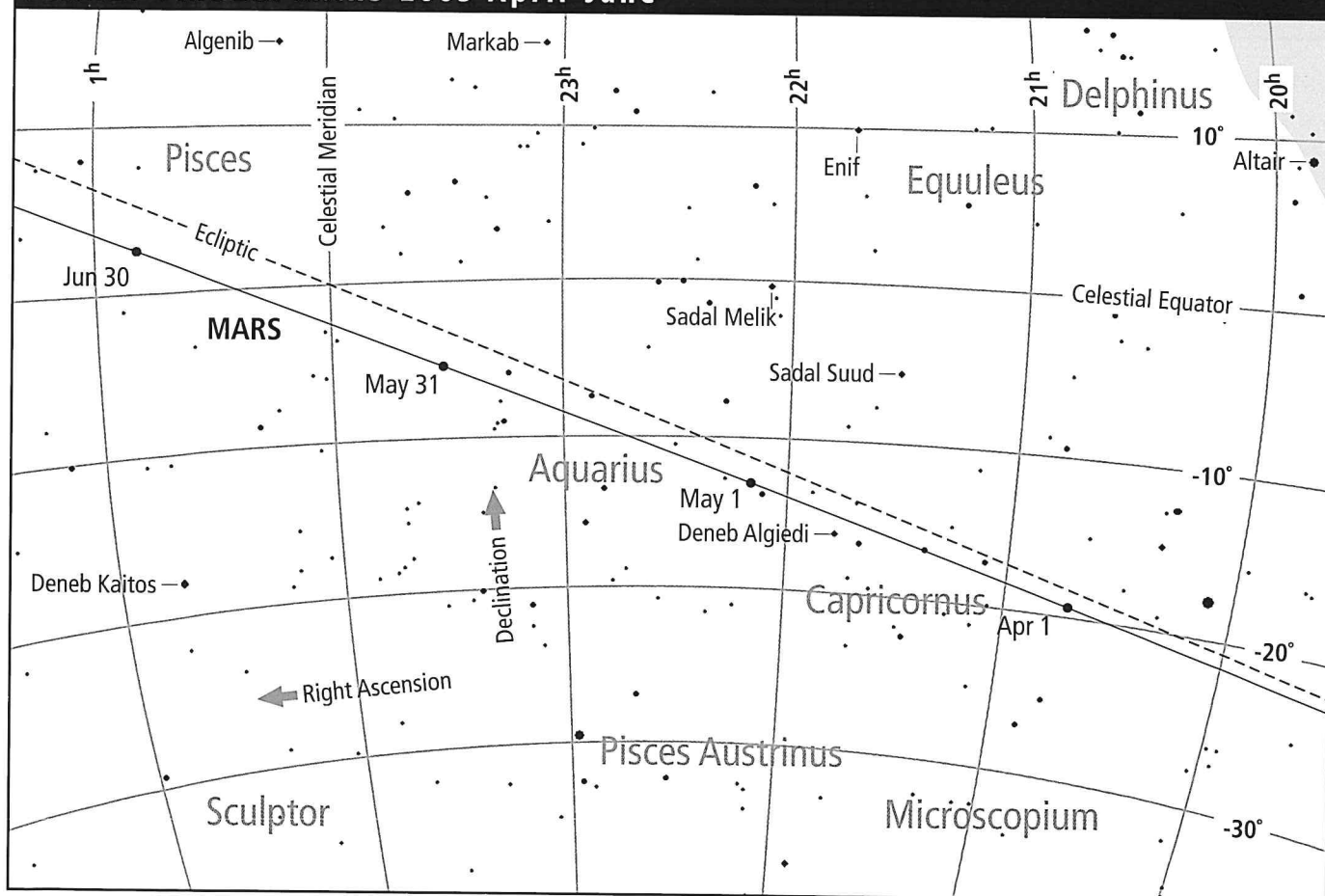
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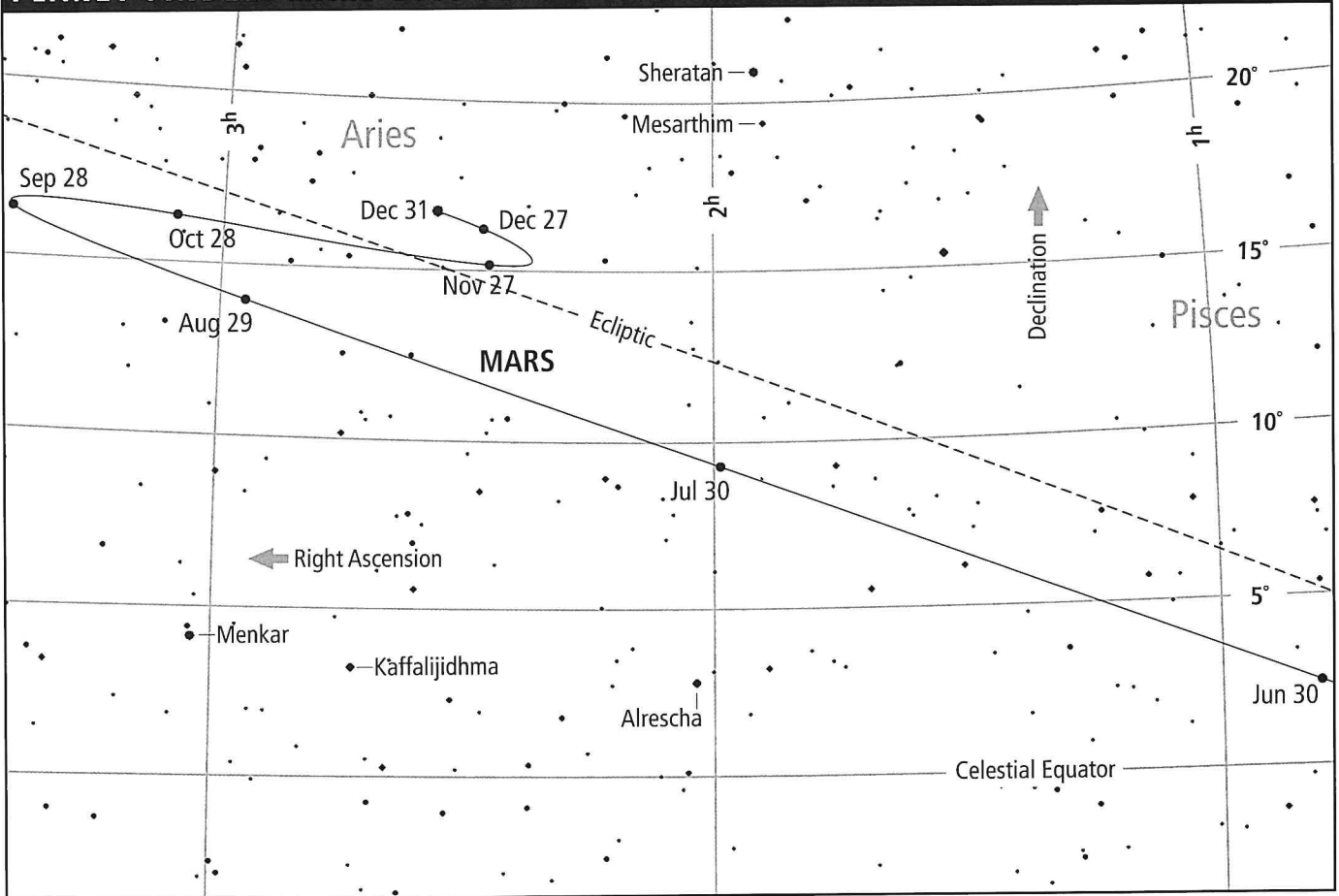
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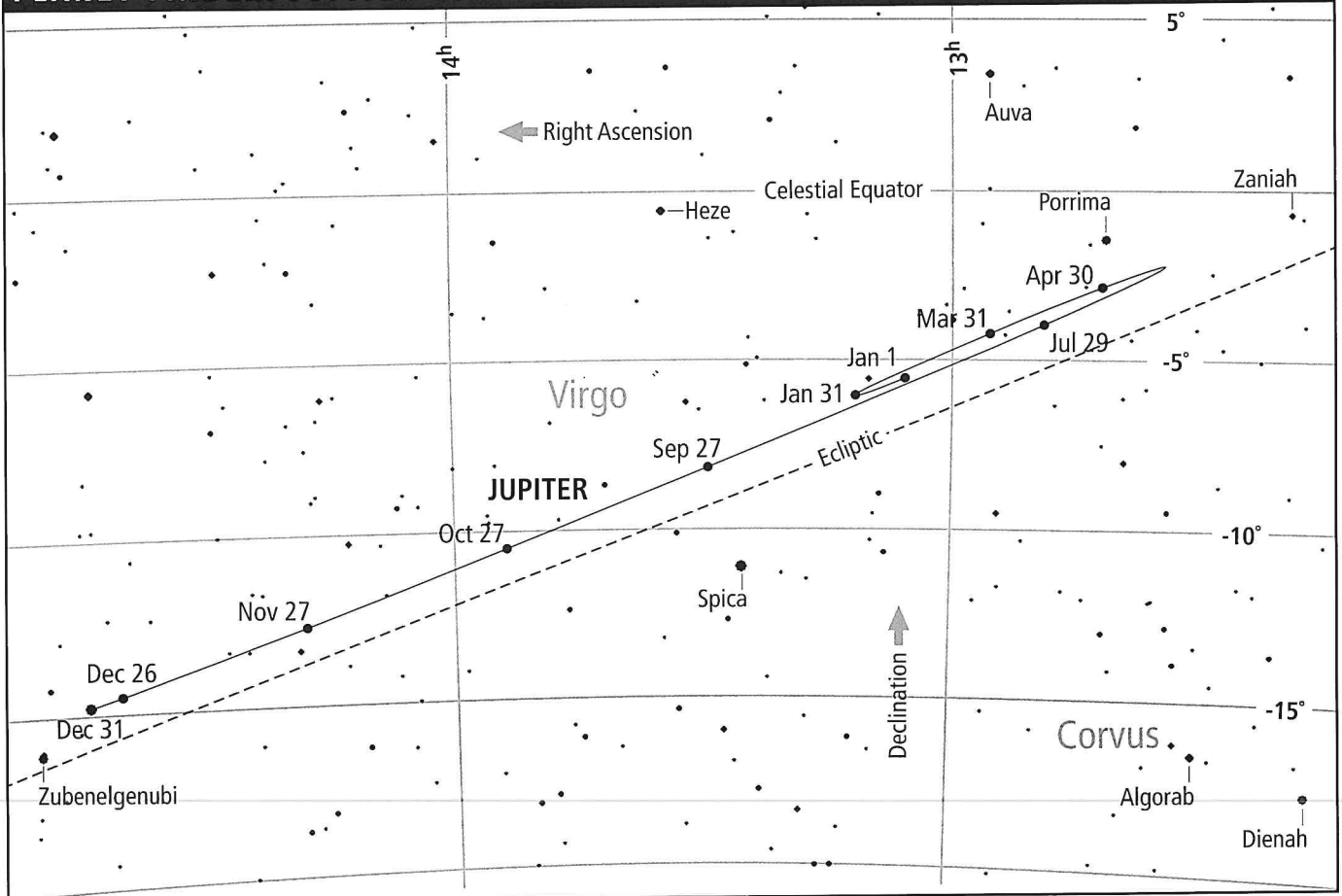
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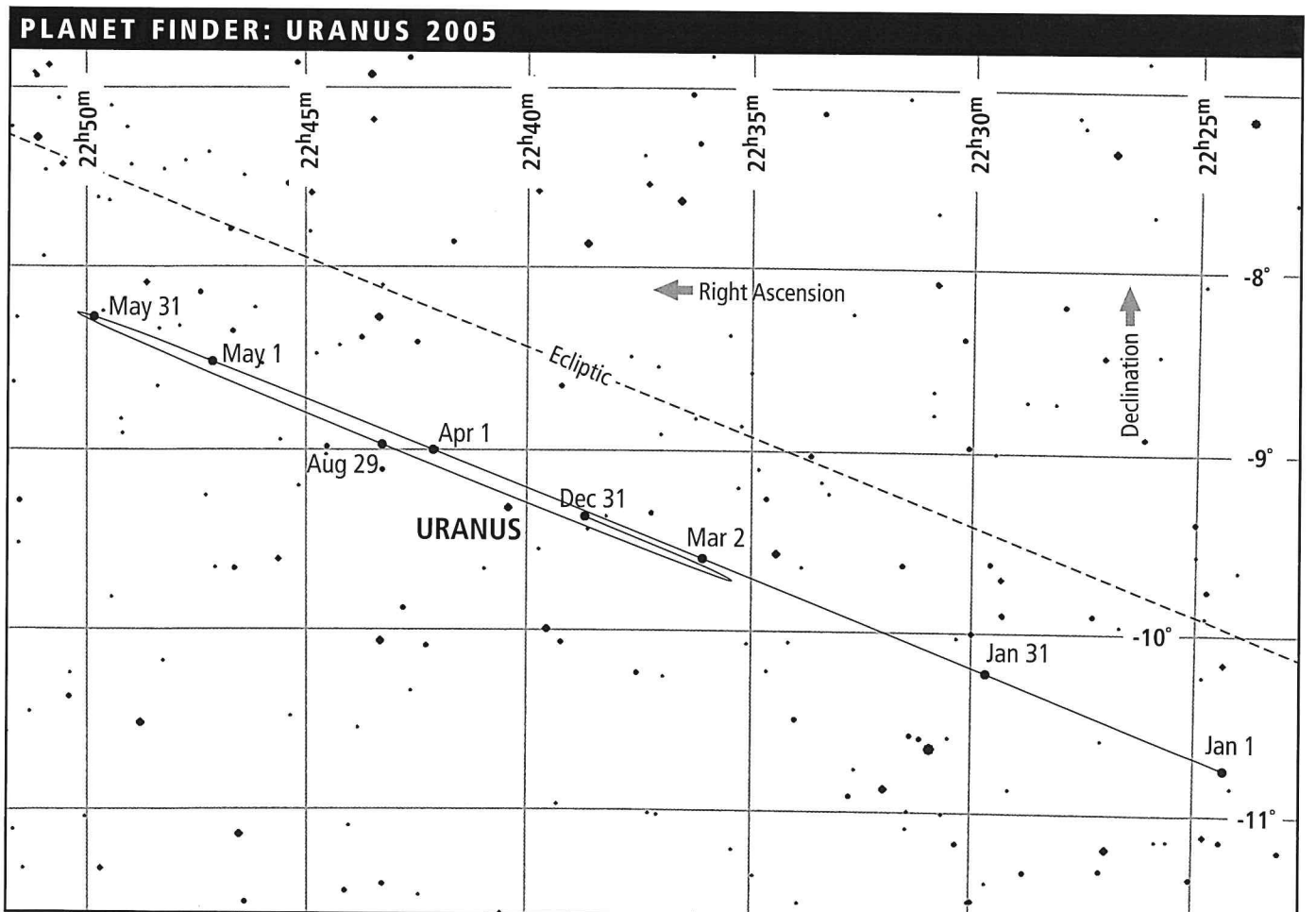
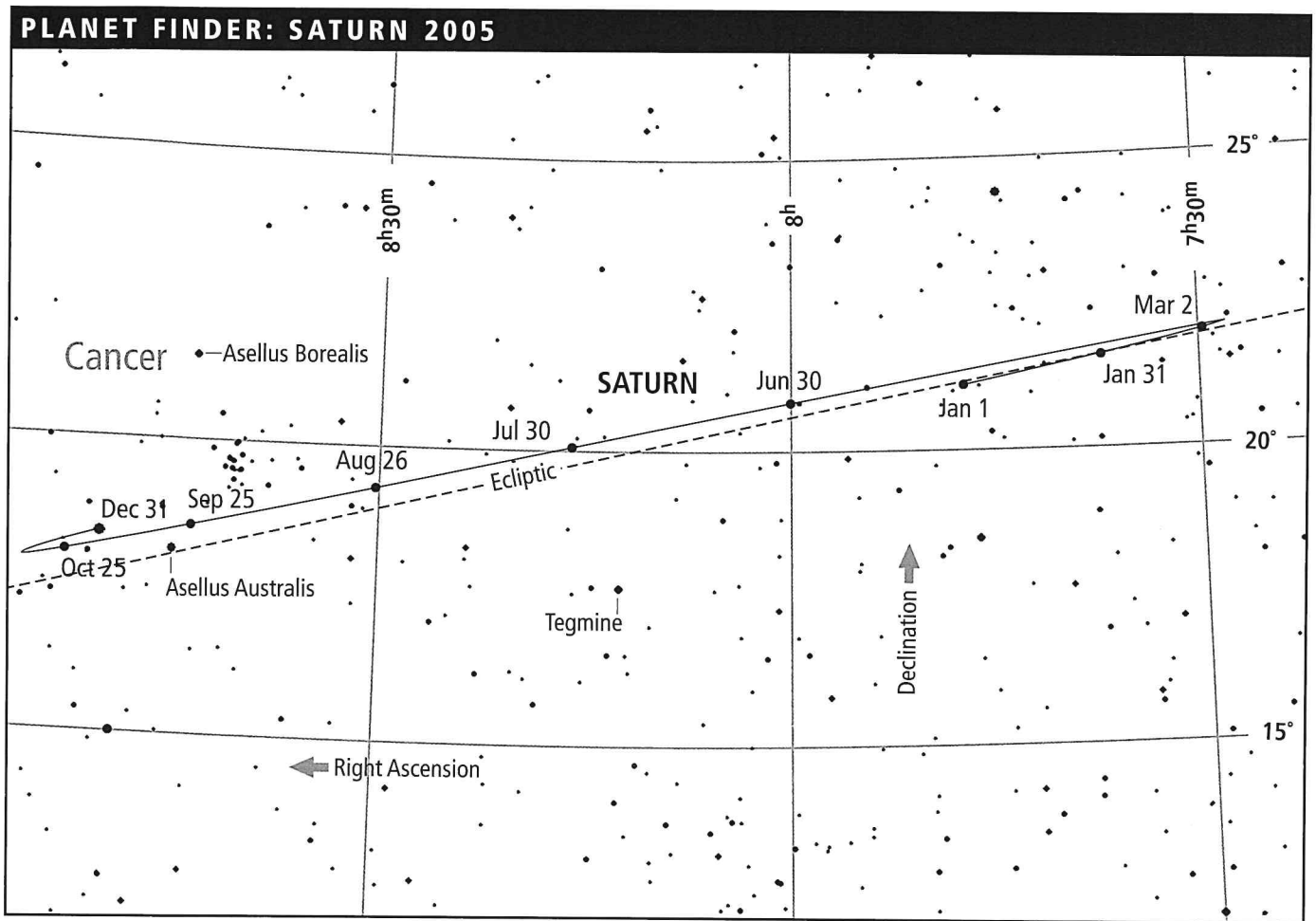


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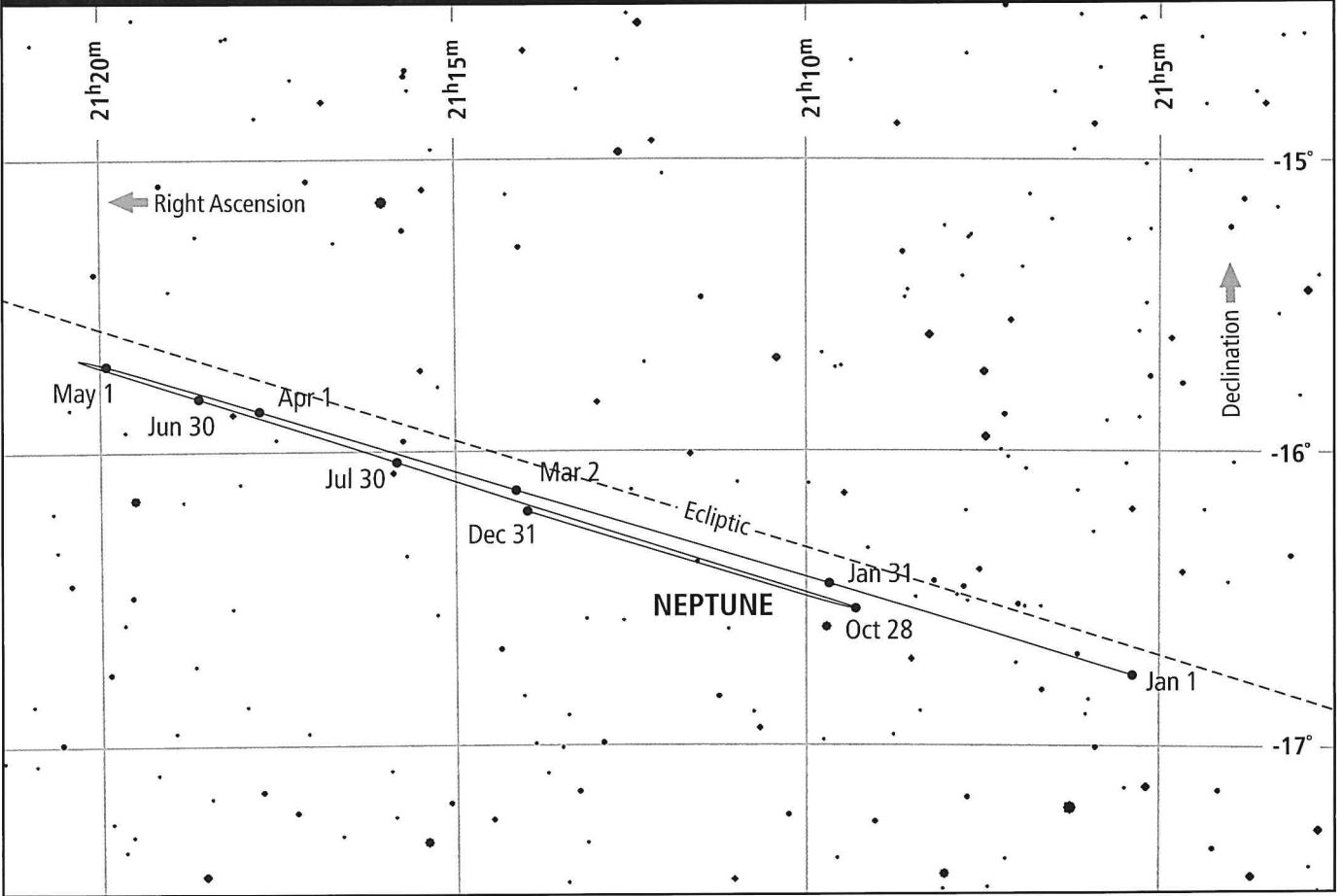


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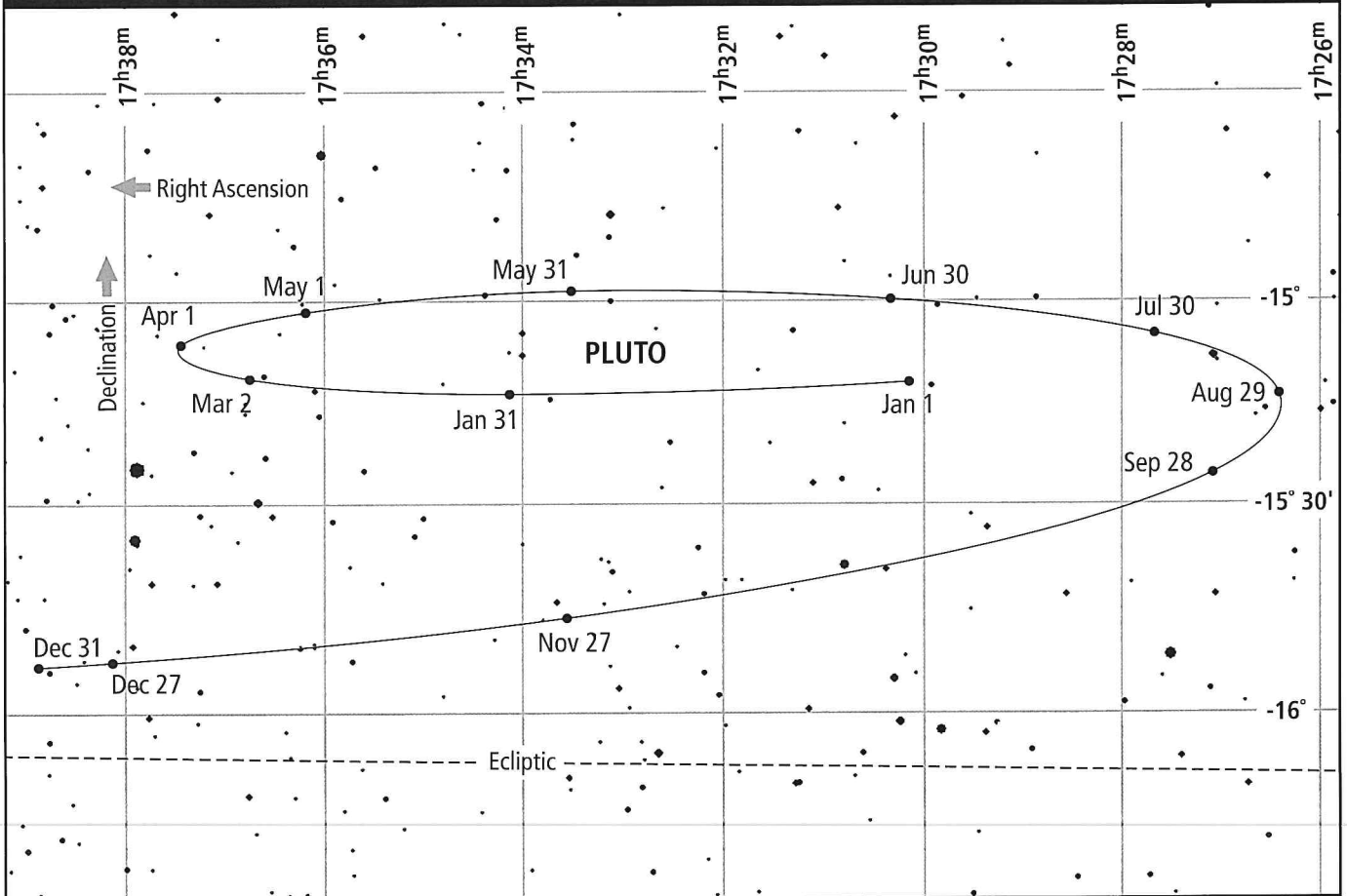




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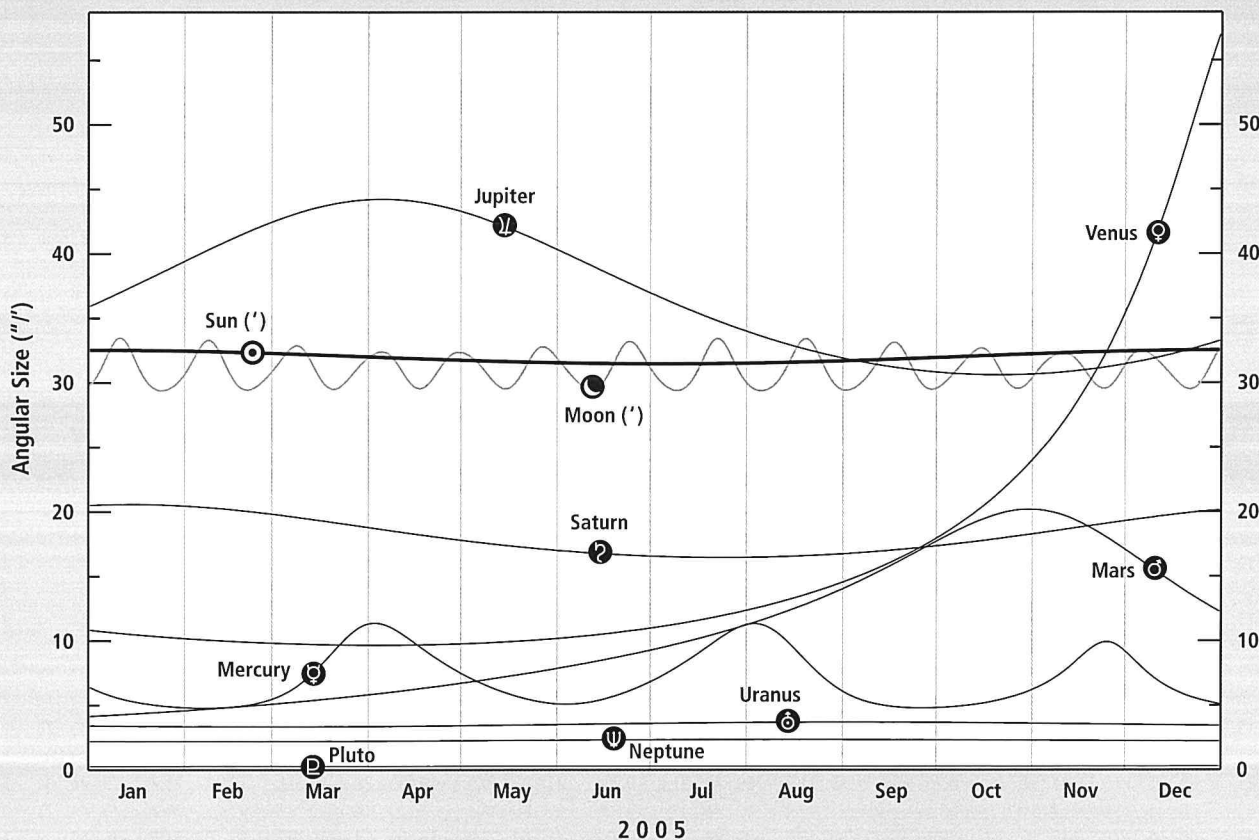
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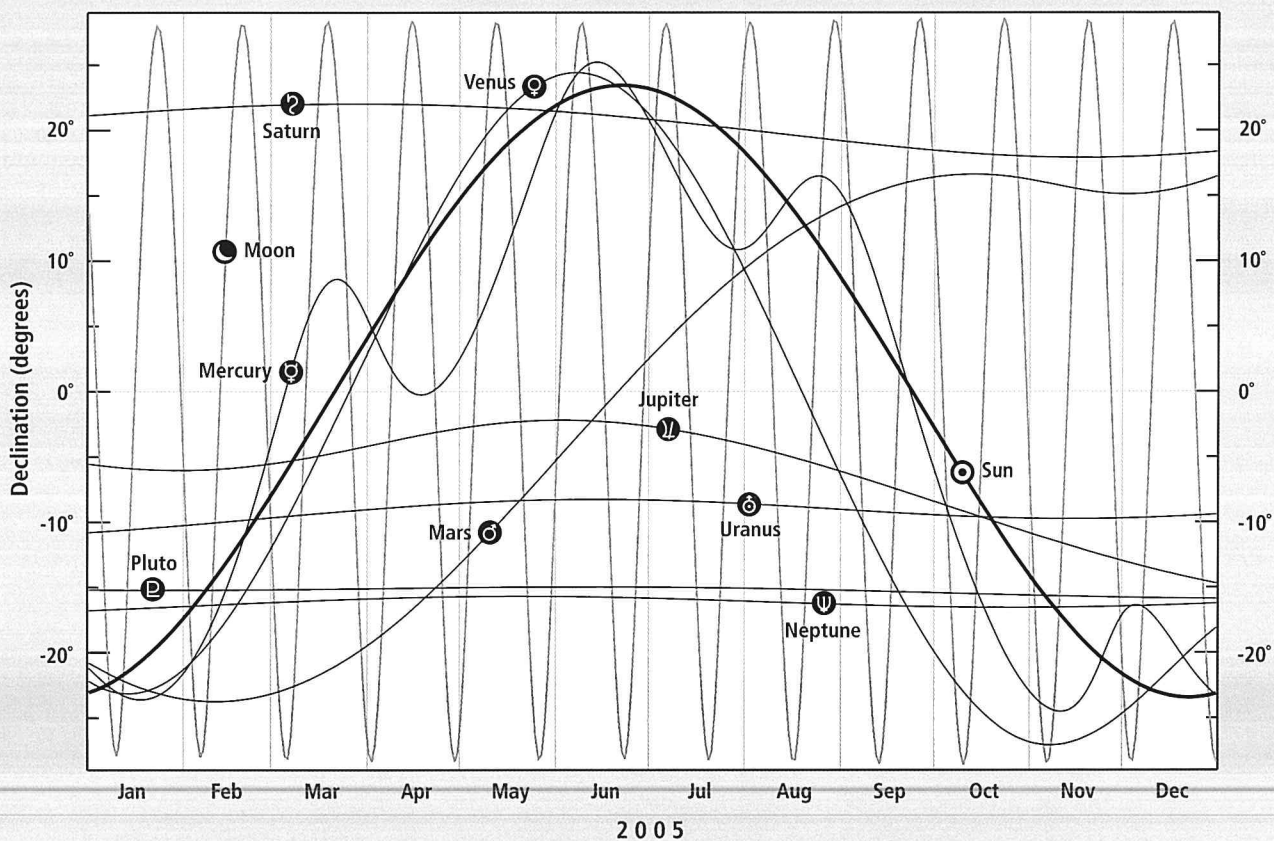
GEOCENTRIC PLANET POSITIONS (continued) Note: positions refer to 0000 WAST

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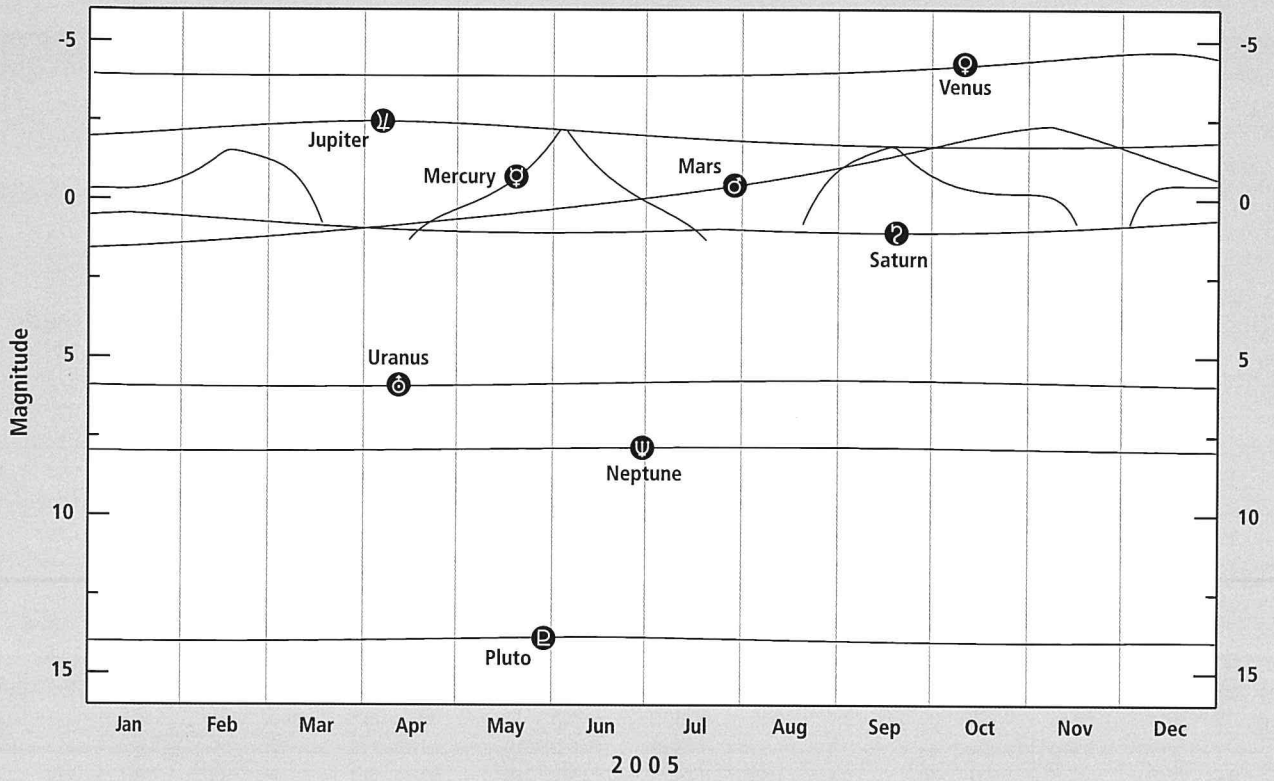
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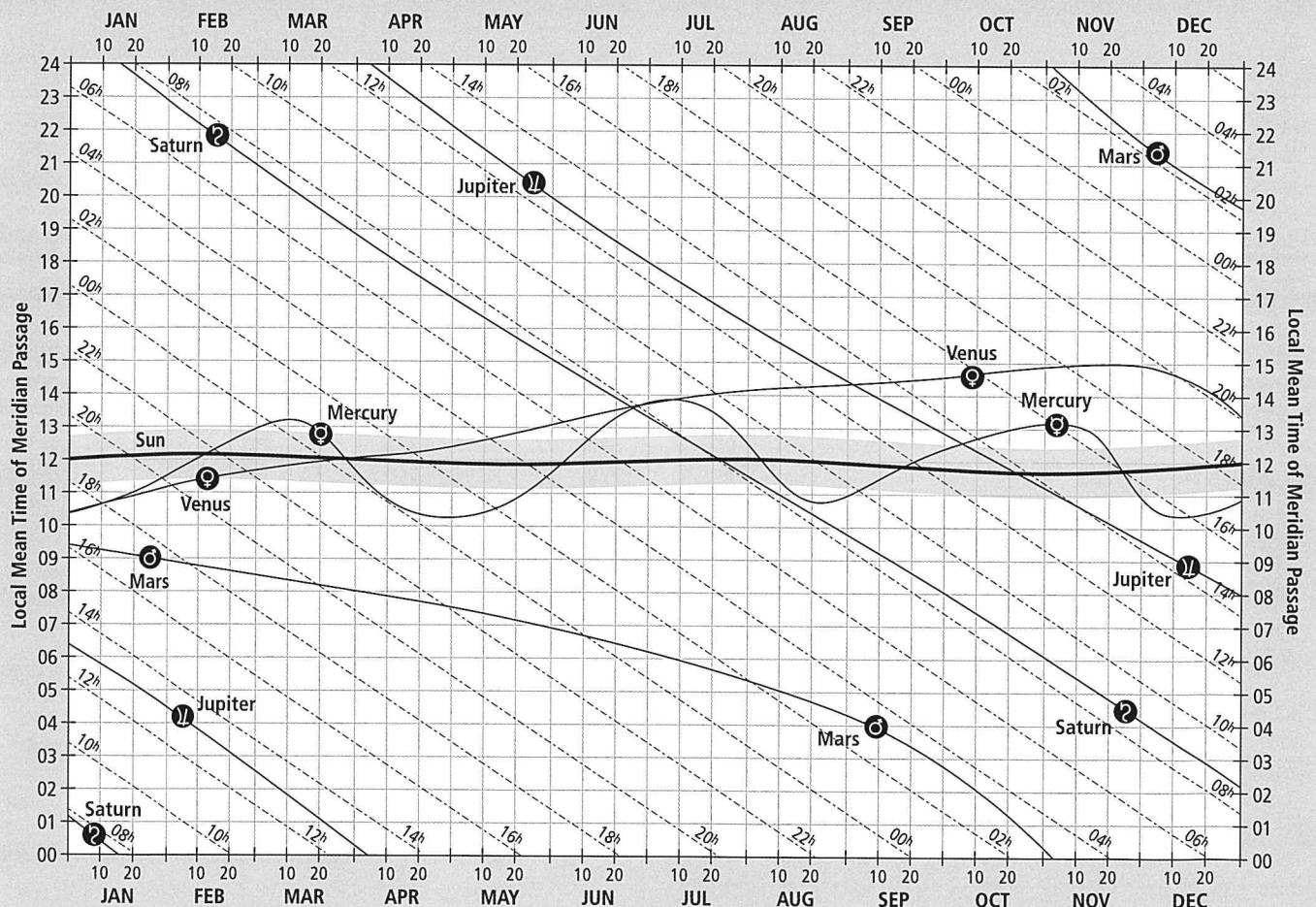
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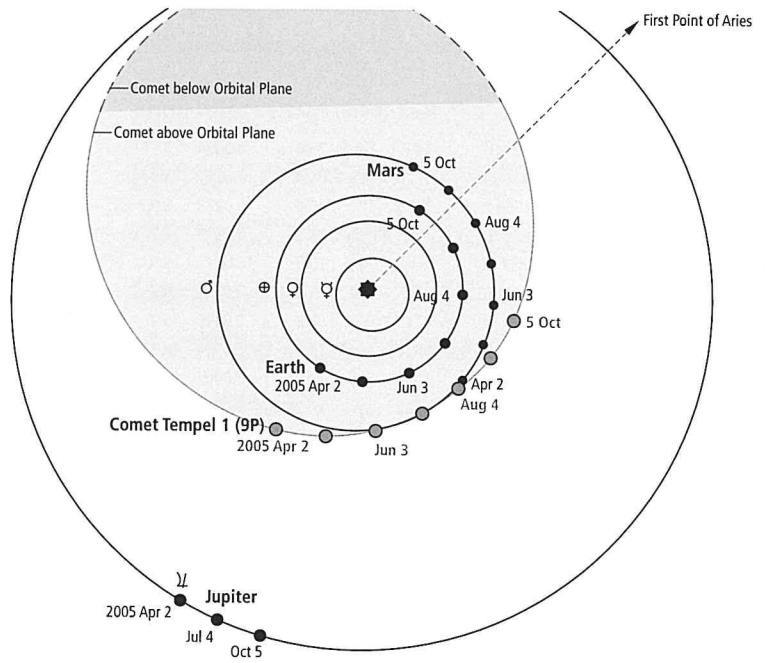
Comet Tempel 1 (9P) and the Deep Impact Mission

Comet Tempel 1 (9P) is the target for the Deep Impact Mission – the first to explore a comet's interior by using a spacecraft to create a crater thus allowing us to look deep inside.

Dramatic images from both the flyby spacecraft and the impactor will be sent back to Earth as data in near-realtime.

These first-ever views deep beneath a comet's surface, and additional scientific measurements, will provide clues to the formation of the Solar System.

Amateur astronomers will combine efforts with astronomers at larger telescopes to offer the public an earth-based look at this incredible July 2005 encounter with a comet.



FUTURE KNOWN CLOSEST ENCOUNTERS

DESIGNATION		Year	DATE		DISTANCE	
Permanent	Provisional		Month	Day (UT)	(AU)	(LD)
EXPECTED CLOSE ENCOUNTERS 2005 (time order)						
	2002 FW1	2005	Mar	10.48	0.02977	11.58
	2003 YN107	2005	Jun	23.17	0.02999	11.67
	2000 AG6	2005	Jul	22.90	0.02268	8.82
54509	2000 PH5	2005	Jul	26.69	0.03588	13.96
	1992 UY4	2005	Aug	08.38	0.04038	15.71
	1999 RQ36	2005	Sep	20.45	0.03313	12.89
	2000 UK11	2005	Nov	03.04	0.03276	12.75
EXPECTED CLOSE ENCOUNTERS 2006 (time order)						
23187		2006	Mar	06.18	0.02034	7.91
	2001 FO127	2006	Mar	22.10	0.02874	11.18
	2004 DC	2006	Jun	03.81	0.02603	10.13
	2003 YN107	2006	Jun	10.43	0.02230	8.68
	2002 TZ57	2006	Sep	26.88	0.04637	18.04
	2001 CB21	2006	Oct	02.45	0.04787	18.63
	2001 UP	2006	Oct	22.05	0.03148	12.25
	2001 WV1	2006	Nov	21.54	0.03670	14.28
TWENTY FUTURE KNOWN CLOSEST ENCOUNTERS (ranked by distance)						
	2001 WN5	2028	Jun	26.23	0.001670	0.65
	2003 MK4	2110	Jan	04.41	0.001813	0.71
	1998 OX4	2148	Jan	22.14	0.002003	0.78
	2000 WO107	2140	Dec	01.82	0.002146	0.84
	1999 AN10	2027	Aug	07.29	0.002652	1.03
35396		2136	Oct	28.49	0.002762	1.07
	1998 MZ	2116	Nov	27.00	0.002917	1.14
	2003 QC10	2066	Sep	24.86	0.003396	1.32
	1999 RQ36	2080	Sep	23.21	0.003582	1.39
	2002 SZ	2067	Sep	10.49	0.003687	1.43
	2001 GQ2	2100	Apr	27.68	0.003976	1.55
	2002 CU11	2080	Aug	31.02	0.004194	1.63
	2004 HD2	2093	Apr	08.62	0.004880	1.90
	1999 RQ36	2060	Sep	23.02	0.005032	1.96
	2003 MK4	2032	Jan	03.96	0.005074	1.97
	2002 NN4	2130	Jun	07.78	0.005156	2.01
	2002 AW	2103	Oct	06.90	0.005167	2.01
	1999 MN	2137	Jun	04.26	0.005462	2.13
	1999 RQ36	2158	Sep	25.47	0.005509	2.14
	1994 WR12	2080	Nov	23.61	0.005639	2.19

Near-Earth Objects

Near-earth objects (NEOs) are comets and asteroids that have been nudged by the gravitational attraction of nearby planets into orbits that allow them to enter the Earth's neighbourhood. Composed mostly of water ice with embedded dust particles, comets originally formed in the cold outer planetary system while most of the rocky asteroids formed in the warmer inner solar system between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter. The scientific interest in comets and asteroids is due largely to their status as the relatively unchanged remnant debris from the solar system formation process some 4.6 billion years ago. The giant outer planets (Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune) formed from an agglomeration of billions of comets and the left over bits and pieces from this formation process are the comets we see today. Likewise, today's asteroids are the bits and pieces left over from the initial agglomeration of the inner planets that include Mercury, Venus, Earth, and Mars. As the primitive, leftover building blocks of the solar system formation process, comets and asteroids offer clues to the chemical mixture from which the planets formed some 4.6 billion years ago. If we wish to know the composition of the primordial mixture from which the planets formed, then we must determine the chemical constituents of the leftover debris from this formation process – the comets and asteroids.

NEO Groups: In terms of orbital elements, NEOs are asteroids and comets with perihelion distance q less than 1.3 AU. Near-Earth Comets (NECs) are further restricted to include only short-period comets (i.e orbital period P less than 200 years). The vast majority of NEOs are asteroids, referred to as Near-Earth Asteroids (NEAs). NEAs are divided into groups (Athen, Apollo, Amor) according to their perihelion distance (q), aphelion distance (Q) and their semi-major axes (a).

Potentially hazardous asteroids (PHAs) are currently defined based on parameters that measure the asteroid's potential to make threatening close approaches to the Earth. Specifically, all asteroids with an Earth Minimum Orbit Intersection Distance (MOID) of 0.05 AU or less and an absolute magnitude (H) of 22.0 or less are considered PHAs. In other words, asteroids that can't get any closer to the Earth (i.e. MOID) than 0.05 AU (roughly 7,480,000 km or 4,650,000 mi) or are smaller than about 150 m in diameter are not considered PHAs. There are currently 639 known PHAs. This "potential" to make close Earth approaches does **not** mean a PHA **will** impact the Earth. It only means there is a possibility for such a threat. By monitoring these PHAs and updating their orbits as new observations become available, we can better predict the close-approach statistics and thus their Earth-impact threat.

(Adapted from <http://neo.jpl.nasa.gov/neo/>)

NEO GROUPS	
Group Description Definition:	
NECs	Near-Earth Comets. $q < 1.3$ AU, $P < 200$ yrs
NEAs	Near-Earth Asteroids. $q < 1.3$ AU
Atens	Earth-crossing NEAs with semi-major axes smaller than Earth's (named after asteroid 2062 Aten). $a < 1.0$ AU, $Q > 0.983$ AU
Apollos	Earth-crossing NEAs with semi-major axes larger than Earth's (named after asteroid 1862 Apollo). $a > 1.0$ AU, $q < 1.017$ AU
Amors	Earth-approaching NEAs with orbits exterior to Earth's but interior to Mars' (named after asteroid 1221 Amor). $a > 1.0$ AU, $1.017 < q < 1.3$ AU
PHAs	Potentially Hazardous Asteroids: NEAs whose Minimum Orbit Intersection Distance (MOID) with the Earth is 0.05 AU or less and whose absolute magnitude (H) is 22.0 or brighter. $MOID \leq 0.05$ AU, $H \leq 22.0$

METEOR SHOWERS visible from the Southern Hemisphere

SHOWER NAME	DURATION	MAX. ACTIVITY DATE	MAX COUNT PER HOUR	RADIANT		
				RA. (h m)	Dec. (°)	Size (°)
delta-Cancriids	Jan 01 - Jan 24	Jan 08	4	08 40	+20	5 - 10
alpha-Centaurids	Jan 28 - Feb 21	Feb 09	20	14 00	-59	4
delta-Leonids	Feb 15 - Mar 10	Feb 26	2	11 12	+16	5
gamma-Normids	Feb 25 - Mar 22	Mar 14	8	16 36	-51	5
Virginids	Jan 25 - Apr 15	Mar 24	5	13 00	-04	10 - 15
pi-Puppids	Apr 15 - Apr 28	Apr 23	periodic, <40	07 20	-45	5
eta-Aquarids	Apr 19 - May 28	May 05	60	22 32	-01	4
Sagittarids	Apr 15 - Jul 15	May 19	5	16 28	-22	10 - 15
Pegasids	Jul 07 - Jul 13	Jul 09	variable	22 40	+15	5
July Phoenicids	Jul 10 - Jul 16	Jul 13	variable, 3-10	02 08	-48	2
Pisces Austrinids	Jul 15 - Aug 10	Jul 27	5	22 44	-30	10 - 15
Southern delta-Aquarids	Jul 12 - Aug 19	Jul 27	20	22 36	-16	5
alpha-Capricornids	Jul 03 - Aug 15	Jul 29	4	20 28	-10	8
Southern iota-Aquarids	Jul 25 - Aug 15	Aug 04	2	22 16	-15	2
Northern delta-Aquarids	Jul 15 - Aug 25	Aug 08	4	22 20	-05	5
Northern iota-Aquarids	Aug 11 - Aug 31	Aug 19	3	21 48	-06	5
Piscids	Sep 01 - Sep 30	Sep 19	3	00 20	-01	5
epsilon-Geminids	Oct 14 - Oct 27	Oct 18	2	06 48	+27	5
Orionids	Oct 02 - Nov 07	Oct 21	23	06 20	+16	20
Southern Taurids	Oct 01 - Nov 25	Nov 05	5	03 28	+13	5 - 10
Northern Taurids	Oct 01 - Nov 25	Nov 12	5	03 52	+22	5 - 10
Leonids	Nov 14 - Nov 21	Nov 17	varies to 1000+	10 12	+22	5
alpha-Monocerotids	Nov 15 - Nov 25	Nov 22	variable	07 48	+01	5
chi-Orionids	Nov 26 - Dec 15	Dec 02	3	05 28	+23	8
Phoenicids	Nov 28 - Dec 09	Dec 06	variable	01 12	-53	5
Puppilid-Velids	Dec 01 - Dec 15	Dec 06	10	08 12	-45	10
Monocerotids	Nov 27 - Dec 17	Dec 08	3	06 40	+08	5
sigma-Hydrids	Dec 03 - Dec 15	Dec 11	2	08 28	+02	5
Geminids	Dec 07 - Dec 17	Dec 14	120	07 28	+33	5
Coma Berenicids	Dec 12 - Jan 23	Dec 19	5	11 40	+25	5

STARS & NON-STELLAR OBJECTS

BRIGHT STARS (EPOCH J2000.0)

DESIGNATION	NAME	CONSTELLATION	RA			DECLINATION			APP. MAG*	ABS. MAG**	SPECTRAL TYPE	PARALLAX''	DIST. ly	DIST. pc
			h	m	s	°	'	''						
1	Sun													
2	α CMa	Sirius	06	45	08.9	-16	42	58	-1.47	1.4	A1V	0.379	8.6	2.6
3	α Car	Canopus	06	24	20.1	-52	41	44	-0.72	-5.7	F0II	0.010	330	100
4	α Cen	Rigel Kent	14	39	36.2	-60	50	08	-0.27	4.1	G2V+K1V	0.742	4.4	1.3
5	α Boo	Arcturus	14	15	39.7	+19	10	57	-0.04	-0.3	K1.5III	0.089	36.0	11.0
6	α Lyr	Vega	18	36	56.3	+38	47	01	0.03	0.6	A0V	0.129	25.3	7.8
7	α Aur	Capella	05	16	41.4	+45	59	53	0.08	-0.5	G5IIIe+G0III	0.077	42.3	13.0
8	β Ori	Rigel	05	14	32.3	-08	12	06	0.12	-6.9	B8Ia	0.004	820	250
9	α CMi	Procyon	07	39	18.1	+05	13	30	0.34	2.6	F5 IV-V	0.286	11.4	3.5
10	α Eri	Achenar	01	37	42.8	-57	14	12	0.50	-2.7	B3Vpe	0.023	143	44
11	α Ori	Betelgeuse	05	55	10.3	+07	24	25	0.58	-4.9	M2Ib	0.008	550	125
12	β Cen	Hadar	14	03	49.4	-60	22	23	0.60	-5.5	B1III	0.006	550	170
13	α Aql	Altair	19	50	47.0	+08	52	06	0.77	2.2	A7V	0.194	16.8	5.2
14	α Cru	Acrux	12	26	35.9	-63	05	56	0.77	-4.2	B0.5IV+B1V	0.010	330	100
15	α Tau	Aldebaran	04	35	55.2	+16	30	33	0.85	-0.7	K5III	0.050	65.0	20.0
16	α Vir	Spica	13	25	11.6	-11	09	41	1.04	-3.6	B1III-IV+B2V	0.012	270	83
17	α Sco	Antares	16	29	24.5	-26	25	55	1.09	-5.4	M1.5Ib+B4V	0.005	650	200
18	β Gem	Pollux	07	45	19.0	+28	01	34	1.15	1.1	K0IIIb	0.097	33.6	10.3
19	α PsA	Formalhaut	22	57	39.0	-29	37	20	1.16	1.7	A3V	0.130	25.1	7.7
20	α Cyg	Deneb	20	41	25.9	+45	16	49	1.25	-8.8	A2Iae	0.001	3300	1000
21	β Cru	Mimosa	12	47	43.3	-59	41	20	1.30	-3.9	B0.5IV	0.009	360	110
22	α Leo	Regulus	10	08	22.3	+11	58	02	1.35	-0.5	B7V	0.042	78.0	24.0
23	ε CMa	Adhara	06	58	37.5	-28	58	20	1.51	-4.0	B2Iab	0.008	410	125
24	α Gem	Castor	07	34	35.9	+31	53	18	1.59	0.6	A2Vm	0.063	52.0	15.9
25	λ Sco	Shaula	17	33	36.5	-37	06	14	1.62	-4.9	B2IV	0.005	650	200
26	γ Cru	Gacrux	12	31	10.0	-57	06	48	1.63	-0.5	M3.5III	0.037	88.0	27.0
27	γ Ori	Bellatrix	05	25	07.9	+06	20	59	1.64	-2.8	B2III	0.013	250	77
28	β Tau	Alnath	05	26	17.5	+28	36	27	1.68	-1.3	B7III	0.025	130	40
29	β Car	Miaplacidus	09	13	12.0	-69	43	02	1.70	-1.0	A2IV	0.029	110	34
30	ε Ori	Alnilam	05	36	12.8	-01	12	07	1.70	-6.8	B0Iab	0.002	1600	500

* Apparent Magnitude

** Absolute Magnitude

The brightness of stars

How bright a star appears is called **apparent magnitude** by astronomers. This depends on three factors:

1. distance from Earth,
2. size and
3. how much light it emits per square metre from its outer layers.

The brightest star in the sky is our Sun. It is not a particularly big or bright star, but it is the nearest star to us.

Astronomers measure the brightness of the stars on a scale called the **magnitude** scale. This scale has descended to us from ancient times when Hipparchus, a Greek astronomer, classified the stars by their brightness and used the word magnitude to describe their relative brightness. In Hipparchus' system a very bright star would have a magnitude of 1 and a very faint star a magnitude of 6.

The smaller the number, the brighter the star.

Accurate measurements of the brightness of stars have showed that a magnitude 1 star emits 100 times more energy than a magnitude 6 star. Apparently, the human eye responds in a logarithmic way to differing light levels. So a difference in magnitude of 1 corresponds to about a factor of 2.5 in energy. A magnitude system roughly consistent with that of Hipparchus has been established by modern astronomers, but now each star can have its magnitude accurately measured.

A powerful telescope can detect very faint stars beyond magnitude 20. Under very clear, dark skies, stars with a magnitude of about 6 are detectable by the unaided eye. Nearly 3,000 stars are visible to the unaided eye in good conditions. The very brightest planets have a magnitude of -1 to -4. Unfortunately, light pollution from household lighting and street lamps reduces the number of stars visible in urban areas compared to a dark site.

CLOSE STARS (EPOCH J2000.0)

DESIGNATION	NAME	CONSTELLATION	RA			DEC.		APP. MAG*	ABS. MAG**	SPECTRAL TYPE	PARALLAX ''	PROPER MOTION "/year	DIST. ly	DIST. pc		
			h	m	s	°	'								''	
1	Sun															
2	α Cen C	Proxima Cen	Centaurus	14	29	42.9	-62	40	46	11.05	15.49	M5.5Ve	0.772	3.85	4.22	1.30
	α Cen A	Rigel Kentaurus	Centaurus	14	39	36.5	-60	50	02	-0.01	4.34	G2V	0.742	3.71	4.39	1.35
	α Cen B	Rigel Kentaurus	Centaurus	14	39	35.1	-60	50	14	1.33	5.68	K1V	0.742	3.73	4.39	1.35
3		Barnard's Star	Ophiuchus	17	57	48.5	+04	41	36	9.54	13.24	M4Ve	0.549	10.37	5.94	1.82
4	G045-020	Wolf 359	Leo	10	56	29.0	+07	00	52	13.54	16.68	M5.5	0.425	4.71	7.67	2.35
5		Lalande 21185	Ursa Major	11	03	20.2	+35	58	12	7.49	10.46	M2V	0.392	4.81	8.32	2.55
6	α CMa A	Sirius A	Canis Major	06	45	08.9	-16	42	58	-1.47	1.42	A1V	0.379	1.34	8.60	2.64
	α CMa B	Sirius B	Canis Major	06	45	08.9	-16	43	06	8.44	11.33	DA	0.379	1.33	8.60	2.64
7	L 726-8 A	BL Cet	Cetus	01	39	01.5	-17	57	02	12.57	15.43	M5.5V:e	0.374	3.37	8.72	2.67
	L 726-8 B	UV Cet	Cetus	01	39	01.5	-17	57	04	12.52	15.42	M5.5e	0.381	3.37	8.56	2.62
8		Ross 154	Sagittarius	18	49	49.4	-23	50	10	10.95	13.58	M3.5	0.336	0.67	9.70	2.98
9		Ross 248	Andromeda	23	41	55.2	+44	10	38	12.28	14.77	M5	0.315	1.62	10.3	3.17
10	ϵ Eri	Epsilon Eridani	Eridanus	03	32	55.8	-09	27	30	3.73	6.19	K2 V	0.311	0.98	10.5	3.22
11	Gl 887	Lacaille 9352	Piscis Austrinus	23	05	52.0	-35	51	11	7.34	9.75	M0.5	0.304	6.90	10.7	3.29
12	G010-050	Ross 128	Virgo	11	47	44.4	+00	48	16	11.08	13.47	M4	0.300	1.36	10.9	3.33
13	G156-031 A	L 789-6 A	Aquarius	22	38	33.8	-15	18	03	13.3	15.69	M5.5	0.300	3.24	10.9	3.33
	G156-031 B	L 789-6 B	Aquarius	22	38	33.8	-15	18	03	13.3	15.69	M5	0.300	3.24	10.9	3.33
	G156-031 C	L 789-6 C	Aquarius	22	38	37.3	-15	17	07	14.0	16.34	M7	0.294	3.25	11.1	3.40
14	α CMi A	Procyon A	Canis Minor	07	39	18.1	+05	13	30	0.34	2.62	F5IV-V	0.286	1.26	11.4	3.50
	α CMi B	Procyon B	Canis Minor	07	39	19.7	+05	15	25	10.7	12.98	-	0.286	1.25	11.4	3.50
15	Gl 820 A	61 Cygni A	Cygnus	21	06	53.9	+38	44	58	5.21	7.50	K5V	0.287	5.28	11.4	3.48
	Gl 820 B	61 Cygni B	Cygnus	21	06	55.3	+38	44	31	6.03	8.30	K7V	0.285	5.17	11.4	3.51
16	Gl 725 A	Struve 2398 A	Draco	18	42	46.7	+59	37	49	8.91	11.15	M3V	0.280	2.24	11.6	3.57
	Gl 725 B	Struve 2398 B	Draco	18	42	46.9	+59	37	37	9.69	11.96	M3.5	0.284	2.31	11.5	3.52
17	BD +43°44	Groombridge 34 A	Andromeda	00	18	22.9	+44	01	23	8.09	10.33	M1.5V	0.280	2.92	11.6	3.57
		Groombridge 34 B	Andromeda	00	18	25.8	+44	01	38	11.04	13.28	M3.5	0.280	2.93	11.6	3.57
18	ϵ Ind A	Gl 845 A	Indus	22	03	21.6	-56	47	10	4.69	6.89	K4V	0.276	4.70	11.8	3.62
	ϵ Ind B	Gl 845 B	Indus	22	03	21.6	-56	47	10	-	-	T2.5	0.276	4.70	11.8	3.62
19	G51-15	GJ 1111	Cancer	08	29	49.5	+26	46	32	14.81	17.01	M6	0.276	1.27	11.8	3.62
20	τ Cet	Gl 71	Cetus	01	44	04.1	-15	56	15	3.50	5.69	G8V	0.274	1.92	11.9	3.65
21	L 725-32	YZ Ceti	Cetus	01	12	30.6	-16	59	56	11.6	13.75	M4.5	0.269	1.37	12.1	3.72
22	BD +5°1668	Luyten's Star	Canis Minor	07	27	24.5	+05	13	33	9.89	11.99	M3.5	0.263	3.74	12.4	3.80
23	Gl 191	Kapteyn's Star	Pictor	05	11	40.6	-45	01	06	8.89	10.92	M1	0.255	8.66	12.8	3.92
24	Gl 825	Lacaille 8760	Microscopium	21	17	15.3	-38	52	02	6.68	8.70	K7	0.253	3.45	12.9	3.95
25	L 372-58	GJ 1061	Horologium	03	35	59.6	-44	30	46	13.03	14.87	M5.5	0.233	0.83	14.0	4.29

* Apparent Magnitude

** Absolute Magnitude

Star names

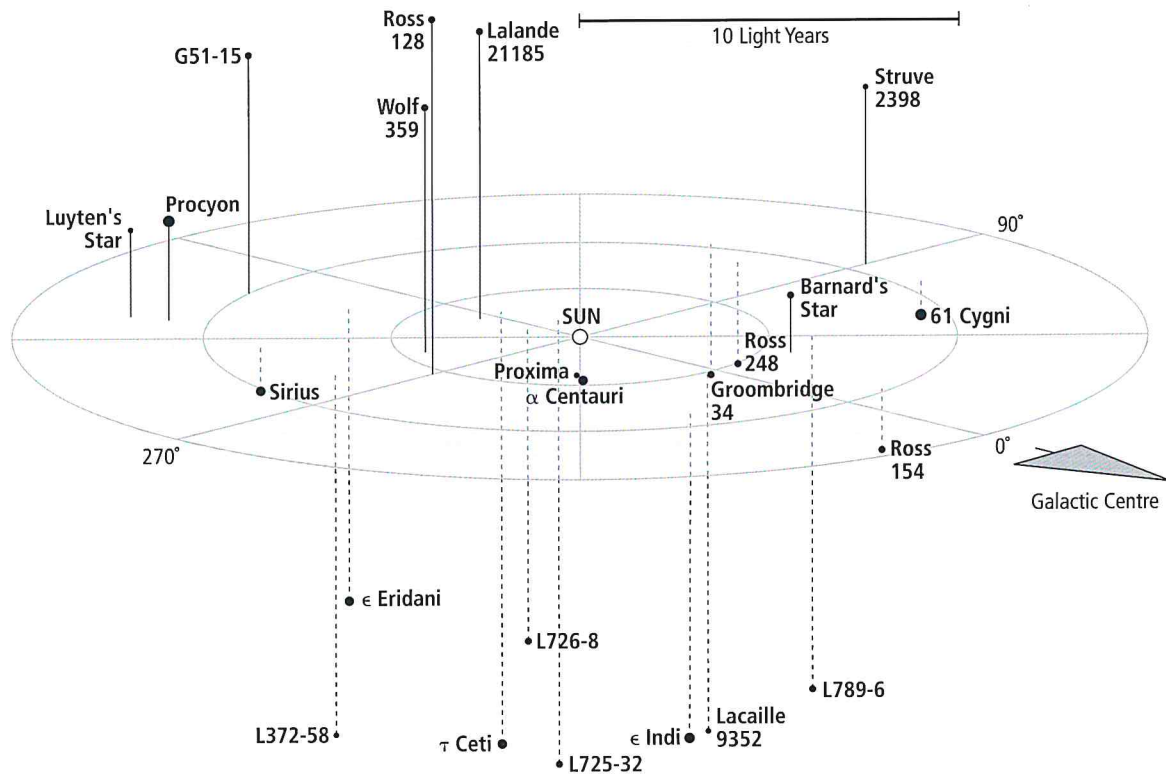
Many of the brighter stars were named in ancient times. Usually, the name referred to its place or association in its constellation. About 1,000 years ago Arab scholars kept the science of astronomy progressing and many star names are derived from their work.

In 1603, Johannes Bayer published an accurate atlas of the stars and constellations. He utilised a new system to name the stars within a constellation. The brightest star in a constellation was designated α (alpha), and the next brightest was β (beta), and so on through the Greek alphabet (see section: **Background & General Information**). Unfortunately, Bayer was not rigorous in the application of this system and so there are anomalies such as α Orionis (Betelgeuse) being fainter than β Orionis (Rigel).

Some of the fainter stars (but still visible to the unaided eye) are often referred to by their Flamsteed number. John Flamsteed (1646-1719) compiled a star catalogue which was published in 1725, six years after his death. In this catalogue, called the *Historia Coelestis Britannica*, Flamsteed assigned numbers to the stars within each constellation according to the stars' right ascensions. For example, the brightest star in the constellation Taurus is Aldebaran (*the follower* – in 'corrupted' Arabic), also designated α Tauri in Bayer's system and 87 Tauri according to Flamsteed's work.

Many stars have been catalogued and named in a variety of astronomical research programmes. Most names are now based on the position (right ascension and declination) of the star in the sky. Other naming systems are derived from the details of the observing equipment and how it has mapped the sky. Other names are based solely on the star's sequence in a published catalogue. For example, Aldebaran is also BD +16 629 in the Bonner Durchmusterung (Bonn Survey), BS 1457 in the Yale Bright Star Catalog, HD 29139 in the Henry Draper Catalog of stellar spectra, SAO 94027 in the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory Catalog, and HIP 21421 in the Hipparcos Catalogue of accurate star positions.

Diagram showing stars closest to the Solar System.



Spectral classes of main sequence stars

Stars are classified according to the temperature of their photosphere (the observable "surface" of the star). Most stars are powered by thermonuclear reactions in their interiors. Middle aged stars produce energy (light) by converting hydrogen to helium. Such stars are said to be on the Main Sequence.

Class	Colour	Representative Temperature	Representative Mass	Representative Radius	Representative density	Some Stars of this Colour
O	Blue	50,000K	40	18	0.01	None visible to the naked eye
B	Blue	30,000K	7	4	0.2	Achernar, Rigel, Acrux
A	White	10,000K	2	2	0.6	Sirius, Fomalhaut, Canopus
F	White-Yellow	7,000K	1.5	1.2	1.1	Procyon
G	Yellow	6,000K	1	1	1.6	Sun
K	Orange	5,000K	0.7	0.7	2.4	Arcturus, Aldebaran, Pollux
M	Red	3,500K	0.2	0.3	10.0	Betelgeuse, Antares

Note: At these temperatures, degrees Kelvin (K) is approximately equal to the same number of degrees Celsius. Typical star masses and typical star radii are given for each spectral class. These two figures are expressed relative to the Sun's mass (1.99×10^{30} kg) and the Sun's radius (6.96×10^5 km), respectively. Average density is given in grams/cm^3 ; for comparison, water has a density of 1 gram/cm^3 .

NON-STELLAR OBJECTS (EPOCH J2000.0)

NAME	RA h m	DEC. ° ' "	SIZE ' "	CONST.	TYPE	MAG.	DESCRIPTION
NGC 55	00 15.1	-39 13	30 x 63	ScI	Spiral galaxy	8.2	A bright galaxy in the Sculptor Group
NGC 104	00 24.1	-72 05	31	Tuc	Globular cluster	4.0	47 Tucanae, one of the finest globular clusters
NGC 224	00 42.8	+41 16	186 x 70	And	Spiral galaxy	4.5	M31, The 'Andromeda Galaxy'
NGC 253	00 47.5	-25 17	26 x 6	ScI	Spiral galaxy	7.1	'Silver Coin' galaxy. Large, bright edge-on spiral
SMC	00 52.7	-72 49	300	Tuc	Galaxy	2.2	Small Magellanic Cloud. Visible to unaided eye from dark sky
Pleiades	03 47.0	+24 07	110	Tau	Open cluster	1.5	M45 or 'Seven Sisters'. Naked eye cluster, the brighter stars mag. 2
Hyades	04 26.9	+15 52	330	Tau	Open cluster	0.8	A naked eye, 'V' shaped cluster. 28 stars, the brighter mag. 3 and 4

NON-STELLAR OBJECTS (continued)

NAME	RA hh mm	DEC. ° ' "	SIZE	CONST.	TYPE	MAG.	DESCRIPTION
LMC	05 23.6	-69 45	600	Dor	Galaxy	0.1	Large Magellanic Cloud. Visible to unaided eye from dark sky
NGC 1976	05 35.3	-05 23	90 x 60	Ori	Gaseous nebula	5.0	M42, 'Orion Nebula', emission and reflection nebula
NGC 2070	05 38.7	-69 06	30 x 20	Dor	Emission nebula	7.2	30 Doradus, 'Tarantula Nebula', bright complex looped structure
NGC 2169	06 08.5	+13 58	7	Ori	Open cluster	5.9	Rich loose cluster, 30 stars magnitude 7 and fainter
NGC 2168	06 08.9	+24 20	28	Gem	Open cluster	5.1	M35, 200 stars, magnitude range 9 to 16, no central concentration
NGC 2244	06 32.3	+04 52	24	Men	Open cluster	4.8	Rich cluster of 100 stars, with nebulosity (Rosette Nebula)
NGC 2264	06 41.1	+09 53	20	Men	Open cluster	3.9	40 stars, large brightness range, involved in nebulosity (Cone Nebula)
NGC 2287	06 46.9	-20 44	38	CMa	Open cluster	4.5	M41, 80 stars 7th magnitude and fainter with 6.9 mag. red star near centre
NGC 2301	06 51.8	+00 28	12	Mon	Open cluster	6.0	Rich cluster, 80 stars, large magnitude range, central concentration
NGC 2362	07 18.8	-24 57	8	CMa	Open cluster	4.1	60 stars, large brightness range (4th mag. down), concentrated centre
NGC 2422	07 36.6	-14 30	30	Pup	Open cluster	4.4	M47, large coarse cluster with 30 bright and faint stars
NGC 2437	07 41.8	-14 49	27	Pup	Open cluster	6.1	M46, rich open cluster, 100 stars, planetary nebula NGC2438 in same field
NGC 2447	07 44.6	-23 52	22	Pup	Open cluster	6.2	M93, 80 stars magnitude 8 to 13 with strong central concentration
NGC 2451	07 45.4	-37 58	45	Pup	Open cluster	3.5	Rich in stars with slight central concentration
NGC 2477	07 52.3	-38 33	27	Pup	Open cluster	5.8	~160 stars around 10 - 12th magnitude, strong central concentration
NGC 2516	07 58.3	-60 52	29	Car	Open cluster	3.8	80 stars 6th magnitude and fainter, strong central concentration
NGC 2547	08 10.4	-49 10	74	Vel	Open cluster	4.7	Rich in stars with strong central concentration. Brightest stars mag. 6
NGC 2548	08 13.8	-05 48	54	Hya	Open cluster	5.8	M48, Large cluster of 80 stars 8 to 13th magnitude, central concentration
NGC 2632	08 40.4	+19 40	95	Cnc	Open cluster	3.1	M44, 'Praesepe' or 'Beehive Cluster', very large cluster, 50 stars
IC 2391	08 40.2	-53 04	50	Vel	Open cluster	2.5	Moderately rich in bright (about mag. 3) and faint stars
IC 2395	08 42.6	-48 07	7	Vel	Open cluster	4.6	40 stars 6th magnitude and fainter
NGC 2808	09 12.0	-64 52	15	Car	Globular cluster	6.2	Large and rich, compressed centre, stars 13 to 15th magnitude
NGC 3114	10 02.7	-60 07	35	Car	Open cluster	4.2	Rich cluster, stars 9 to 14th magnitude, slight central concentration
NGC 3132	10 07.0	-40 26	0.5	Vel	Planetary nebula	9.9	The 'Eight Burst Nebula', ring and disk, 10th magnitude central star
IC 2602	10 43.3	-64 20	50	Car	Open cluster	1.6	Rich in stars, strong central concentration, brightest stars mag. 3
NGC 3372	10 44.3	-59 53		Car	Emission nebula	varies	The 'Eta Carinae Nebula', very bright, prominent dark lanes
NGC 3532	11 06.6	-58 44	55	Car	Open cluster	3.0	Rich and large, slight central concentration, 150 stars 7 to 12th magnitude
NGC 3766	11 36.2	-61 38	12	Cen	Open cluster	5.3	Rich cluster, 100 stars magnitude range 7 to 12th
NGC 4755	12 53.8	-60 22	10	Cru	Open cluster	5.2	The 'Jewel Box', rich in stars, large brightness range
NGC 4945	13 05.4	-49 28	23 x 6	Cen	Spiral galaxy	8.2	Large edge on spiral, good field, another small galaxy in same field
NGC 5128	13 25.5	-43 01	31 x 23	Cen	Galaxy	7.0	'Centaurus A', bright sphere crossed by dark lane, radio source
NGC 5139	13 26.8	-47 29	36	Cen	Globular cluster	3.7	Omega Centauri, one of the finest globular clusters
NGC 5272	13 42.2	+28 23	16	CVn	Globular cluster	6.2	M3, large bright globular cluster, brightens rapidly towards the middle
NGC 5281	13 46.5	-62 55	4	Cen	Open cluster	5.9	40 stars, moderately rich in bright and faint stars, magnitudes 6 to 12
NGC 5617	14 29.8	-60 43	10	Cen	Open cluster	6.3	80 stars, large brightness range, strong central concentration
NGC 5904	15 18.6	+02 05	20	Ser	Globular cluster	5.6	M5, bright, large very compressed in middle, slightly oval in shape
NGC 6025	16 03.7	-60 30	12	TrA	Open cluster	5.1	60 stars, large brightness range, slight central concentration
NGC 6067	16 13.2	-54 13	12	Nor	Open cluster	5.6	100 stars, large brightness range, strong central concentration
NGC 6087	16 18.9	-57 54	12	Nor	Open cluster	5.4	40 stars, moderate brightness range, slight central concentration
NGC 6121	16 23.6	-26 32	26	Sco	Globular cluster	5.6	M4, conspicuous globular near Antares, one of the nearest
NGC 6124	16 25.6	-40 40	29	Sco	Open cluster	5.8	100 stars, large brightness range, strong central concentration
NGC 6193	16 41.3	-48 46	14	Ara	Open cluster	5.2	Few stars, large brightness range, slight central concentration
NGC 6205	16 41.7	+36 28	17	Her	Globular cluster	5.8	M13, the 'Great Hercules Cluster', showpiece of northern skies
NGC 6231	16 54.2	-41 50	14	Sco	Open cluster	2.6	A few stars with strong central concentration. Brightest stars mag. 5
NGC 6405	17 40.1	-32 13	20	Sco	Open cluster	4.2	M6, the 'Butterfly Cluster', 80 stars, large brightness range
NGC 6397	17 40.7	-53 40	26	Ara	Globular cluster	5.7	Loose, scattered structure, one of the nearest of the globulars
NGC 6475	17 53.9	-34 49	80	Sco	Open cluster	4.5	M7, 80 stars brighter than 1 10th magnitude, large brightness range
NGC 6494	17 56.8	-19 01	27	Sgr	Open cluster	5.5	M23, 150 stars, moderate brightness range, lies in good star field
NGC 6514	18 02.4	-23 02	28	Sgr	Gaseous nebula	6.3	M20, 'Trifid Nebula', emission and reflection nebulosity cut by dark lanes
NGC 6523	18 03.6	-24 23	45 x 30	Sgr	Emission nebula	5.8	M8, 'Lagoon', densest section known as the 'Hourglass', dark lane
NGC 6611	18 18.8	-13 47	7	Ser	Open cluster	6.0	M16, 100 bright and faint stars in the 'Eagle Nebula'
IC 4725	18 31.9	-19 15	29	Sgr	Open cluster	6.2	M25, 30 stars loosely scattered
NGC 6656	18 36.4	-23 54	24	Sgr	Globular cluster	5.1	M22. Fine globular, only Omega Centauri and 47 Tucanae are brighter
NGC 6705	18 51.1	-06 16	14	Set	Open cluster	5.8	M11, the 'Wild Duck Cluster', rich and compact open cluster
NGC 7009	21 04.2	-11 22	0.5	Aqr	Planetary nebula	12.8	The 'Saturn Nebula', ring structure in a larger and fainter halo
NGC 7078	21 30.0	+12 10	12	Peg	Globular cluster	6.2	M15, bright, irregularly shaped, well resolved into faint stars
NGC 7293	22 29.6	-20 50	13	Aqr	Planetary nebula	13.5	The 'Helix Nebula', ring structure in a larger and fainter disk

The data in **bold** denotes objects that are difficult to view from southern parts of WA.

BACKGROUND & GENERAL INFORMATION

Astronomy on the Internet

There are many Internet sites available for aspiring amateur astronomers, most of which are very user friendly, and full of information. The following list of sites has been found to be quite useful. Please note that the Internet is a dynamic medium so access to sites can change without notice, while new sites are becoming available all the time. This is a small list – each of the sites mentioned will have links to more related sites.

Perth Observatory

<http://www.wa.gov.au/perthobs>

- **Astronomy News:** Updated regularly, this section contains the weekly night sky column, plus notification of current phenomena and topical events.
- **Astronomy Information:** This gives information (small images) of planets, comets, stars etc. All of this information is taken from the Perth Observatory Project Kit.
- **Tours:** Details of services for the public. For availability, contact Perth Observatory. Daytime guided tours and evening star viewing available.
- **Current Phenomena:** Programs of specific interest (Galileo, Hubble Space Telescope, eclipses etc) are given links from here. Also Sun and Moon rise/set times for Perth.
- **Links:** This section links the user to all areas of astronomical interest.

NASA Homepage

<http://www.nasa.gov/>

This is a good starting place for many NASA projects – especially current missions. When a shuttle mission is in orbit, this will give a link to the current shuttle home page, with associated projects and experiments.

Astronomy Images

<http://wfpc2.jpl.nasa.gov>

Images from the Hubble Space telescope.

Hubble Space Telescope

<http://oposite.stsci.edu/pubinfo/>

The Hubble Space Telescope is managed through the Space Telescope Science Institute in Baltimore. Many HST images are available, even those several years old.

Sky and Telescope Magazine

<http://www.skypub.com/>

This magazine is the premier astronomy magazine for amateur astronomers. Sky Publishing put out a weekly update of all astronomical events in non-technical language along with summaries of press releases. The site can also provide some basic astronomical information.

Sun

<http://sohowwww.nascom.nasa.gov/>

Current real time Sun images, including animated GIFs of solar flares. Also information about auroras.

Sunrise/set times

<http://www.auslig.gov.au/geodesy/astro>

Type in your latitude, longitude and Time Zone for astronomical phenomena at any place – interactive.

Moon Phases

<http://sunearth.gsfc.nasa.gov/eclipse/phase/phase2001.html>

Dates and times for moon phases (in UT: WAST = UT + 8hrs).

Eclipses

<http://sunearth.gsfc.nasa.gov/eclipse/eclipse.html>

Provides a wealth of information concerning both solar and lunar eclipses.

Current Almanac

<http://skyandtelescope.com/observing/almanac>

Can be set for your location. Sun and Moon, rise and set times, planet visibility, plus Space Station viewing times are available at this site.

Planets

<http://www.nineplanets.org>

Latest Information on all the planets – an excellent site.

Solar System Conditions

<http://www.spaceweather.com>

Current state of the solar winds, plus aurora predictions and asteroid approaches.

ISS, Iridium Satellites, Satellites

<http://www.heavens-above.com>

Input your specific site, and bookmark for your location. This gives passages of all satellites, or ISS (International Space Station), or the Iridium satellite flashes visible from your site, with specific times.

Weather

<http://www.bom.gov.au/weather/wa>

Weather maps and predictions, wind forecasts, charts and current conditions.

Constellations

Constellations are a relatively arbitrary grouping of stars in the sky. They are arbitrary in the sense that the stars are not necessarily related in any way, or even close to one another, they just lie in the same direction in the sky. Also, in ancient times some stars were grouped together in a constellation because they were reminiscent of the outline, or rough shape, of an animal, object, or a mythological being. Different cultures most times defined different constellations for the same grouping of stars, but sometimes they were quite similar. Identifying a constellation by eye is sometimes just a matter of 'joining the dots' defined by the stars and using some imagination. Some constellations are not easily identified in this way as the relationship of stars to object is abstract or obscure.

Some of the constellations are descended from catalogues created by the ancient Greeks around 2,000 years ago. The most influential of these catalogues is the *Almagest* by Ptolemy of Alexandria (AD 73 - AD 151) in which he mentions 48 constellations that were visible from the Northern Hemisphere. Naturally, these constellations descended from earlier Egyptian and Mesopotamian cultures. This catalogue had an influence lasting nearly 1,200 years and was the foundation of the astronomy accomplished by Arabic and Medieval scholars. In fact, the title *Almagest* is a corruption of the Arabic, Al-mijisti, which roughly translates to *the Magnificent* – such was this culture's appreciation of its scholarly importance.

A little more than half of the constellations in use today originated from ancient times. The others were defined by European astronomers and cartographers as the Southern Hemisphere began to be explored in the 16th Century.

The most notable of these astronomers was Nicolas Louis de Lacaille (1713-1762). After an observing expedition to South Africa, he named 14 new constellations in the uncharted parts of southern sky. The constellations he defined represented equipment (mostly scientific) in use at that time.

In 1930 the International Astronomical Union (the organisation of professional astronomers) fixed the names and boundaries of the constellations. They defined 88 constellations in all, covering the entire sky (see table below). They generally follow the patterns of the most common constellations defined in earlier times. Strict definitions were required because prior to that date mapmakers and astronomers could define constellations as they pleased. Sometimes this was undertaken in order to obtain favour from a patron.

The table also provides the Latin 'genitive' case of the constellation names. This case is often referred to as the possessive case, as that is the most similar English language case comparison. It expresses possession, origin, source, etc. and in Latin grammar is shown by inflection of nouns, pronouns, and adjectives. With respect to the constellations, this case is used to show that the location of a star, or other object, lies within the boundaries of a constellation. For example, the brightest star in Taurus, Aldebaran, becomes α Tauri.

Culmination occurs when the mid point of a constellation is highest in the sky around midnight.

CONSTELLATIONS

DESIGNATION	GENITIVE	ABBREV.	CULMINATION	MEANING
Andromeda	Andromedae	And	Nov 23	The Princess of Ethiopia
Antlia	Antliae	Ant	Apr 10	The Air Pump
Apus	Apodis	Aps	Jul 05	The Bird of Paradise
Aquarius	Aquarii	Aqr	Oct 09	The Water Bearer
Aquila	Aquilae	Aql	Aug 30	The Eagle
Ara	Arae	Ara	Jul 25	The Altar
Aries	Arietis	Ari	Dec 14	The Ram
Auriga	Aurigae	Aur	Feb 04	The Charioteer
Bootes	Bootis	Boo	Jun 16	The Bear Driver
Caelum	Caeli	Cae	Jan 15	The Sculptor's Chisel
Camelopardus	Camelopardi	Cam	Feb 06	The Giraffe
Cancer	Cancri	Cnc	Mar 16	The Crab
Canes Venatici	Canum Venaticorum	CVn	May 22	The Hunting Dogs
Canis Major	Canis Majoris	CMa	Feb 16	The Greater Dog
Canis Minor	Canis Minoris	CMi	Feb 28	The Lesser Dog
Capricornus	Capricorni	Cap	Sep 22	The Sea Goat
Carina	Carinae	Car	Mar 17	The Keel (of Argo Navis)
Cassiopeia	Cassiopeiae	Cas	Nov 23	The Queen of Ethiopia
Centaurus	Centauri	Cen	May 14	The Centaur
Cepheus	Cephei	Cep	Nov 13	The King of Ethiopia
Cetus	Ceti	Cet	Nov 29	The Sea Monster (Whale)
Chamaeleon	Chamaeleontis	Cha	Apr 15	The Chameleon
Circinus	Circini	Cir	Jun 14	The Compasses
Columba	Columbae	Col	Feb 01	Noah's Dove
Coma Berenices	Cornae Berenices	Corn	May 17	The Hair of Berenice
Corona Australis	Coronae Australis	CrA	Aug 14	The Southern Crown

CONSTELLATIONS (continued)

DESIGNATION	GENITIVE	ABBREV.	CULMINATION	MEANING
Corona Borealis	Coronae Borealis	CrB	Jul 03	The Northern Crown
Corvus	Corvi	Crv	May 12	The Crow
Crater	Crateris	Crt	Apr 26	The Cup
Crux	Crucis	Cru	May 12	The (Southern) Cross
Cygnus	Cygni	Cyg	Sep 13	The Swan
Delphinus	Delphini	Del	Sep 14	The Dolphin (Porpoise)
Dorado	Doradus	Dor	Jan 31	The Swordfish
Draco	Draconis	Dra	Jul 08	The Dragon
Equuleus	Equulei	Equ	Sep 22	The Foal
Eridanus	Eridani	Eri	Dec 25	The River
Fornax	Fornacis	For	Dec 17	The Laboratory Furnace
Gemini	Geminarum	Gem	Feb 19	The Twins
Grus	Gruis	Gru	Oct 12	The Crane
Hercules	Herculis	Her	Jul 28	Hercules (the hero)
Horologium	Horologii	Hor	Dec 25	The Pendulum Clock
Hydra	Hydrae	Hya	Apr 29	The Water Snake
Hydrus	Hydri	Hyi	Dec 10	The Southern Water Snake
Indus	Indi	Ind	Sep 26	The American Indian
Lacerta	Lacertae	Lac	Oct 12	The Lizard
Leo	Leonis	Leo	Apr 15	The Lion
Leo Minor	Leonis Minoris	LMi	Apr 09	The Lion Cub
Lepus	Leporis	Lep	Jan 28	The Hare
Libra	Librae	Lib	Jun 23	The Scales
Lupus	Lupi	Lup	Jun 23	The Wolf
Lynx	Lyncis	Lyn	Mar 05	The Lynx
Lyra	Lyrae	Lyr	Aug 18	The Harp
Mensa	Mensae	Men	Jan 28	The Table Mountain
Microscopium	Microscopii	Mic	Sep, 18	The Microscope
Monoceros	Monocerotis	Mon	Feb 19	The Unicorn
Musca	Muscae	Mus	May 14	The Fly
Norma	Normae	Nor	Jul 03	The Carpenter's Square
Octans	Octantis	Oct	Circum	The Octant
Ophiuchus	Ophiuchi	Oph	Jul 26	The Serpent Bearer
Orion	Orionis	Ori	Jan 27	The Hunter
Pavo	Pavonis	Pav	Aug 29	The Peacock
Pegasus	Pegasi	Peg	Oct 16	The Winged Horse
Perseus	Persei	Per	Dec 22	Perseus (the hero)
Phoenix	Phoenicis	Phe	Nov 18	The Phoenix
Pictor	Pictoris	Pic	Jan 30	The Painter's Easel
Pisces	Piscium	Psc	Nov 11	The Fishes
Piscis Austrinus	Piscis Austrini	PsA	Oct 09	The Southern Fish
Puppis	Puppis	Pup	Feb 22	The Stern (of Argo Navis)
Pyxis	Pyxidis	Pyx	Mar 21	The Compass (of Argo Navis)
Reticulum	Reticuli	Ret	Jan 03	The Net
Sagitta	Sagittae	Sge	Aug 30	The Arrow
Sagittarius	Sagittarii	Sgr	Aug 21	The Archer
Scorpius	Scorpii	Sco	Jul 18	The Scorpion
Sculptor	Sculptoris	Scl	Nov 10	The Sculptor's Workshop
Scutum	Scuti	Sct	Aug 15	The Shield
Serpens	Serpentis	Ser	Jul 21	The Serpent
Sextans	Sextantis	Sex	Apr 08	The Sextant
Taurus	Tauri	Tau	Jan 14	The Bull
Telescopium	Telescopii	Tel	Aug 24	The Telescope
Triangulum	Trianguli	Tri	Dec 07	The Triangle
Triangulum Australe	Trianguli Australis	TrA	Jul 07	The The Southern Triangle
Tucana	Tucanae	Tuc	Nov 01	The Toucan
Ursa Major	Ursae Majoris	UMa	Apr 25	The Great Bear
Ursa Minor	Ursae Minoris	Umi	Jun 27	The Bear Cub
Vela	Velorum	Vel	Mar 30	The Sail (of Argo Navis)
Virgo	Virginis	Vir	May 26	The Virgin
Volans	Volantis	Vol	Mar 04	The Flying Fish
Vulpecula	Vulpeculae	Vul	Sep 08	The Fox

GREEK ALPHABET

A	α	Alpha
B	β	Beta
Γ	γ	Gamma
Δ	δ	Delta
E	ε	Epsilon
Z	ζ	Zeta
H	η	Eta
Θ	θ	Theta
I	ι	Iota
K	κ	Kappa
Λ	λ	Lambda
M	μ	Mu
N	ν	Nu
Ξ	ξ	Xi
O	ο	Omicron
Π	π	Pi
P	ρ	Rho
Σ	σ	Sigma
T	τ	Tau
Υ	υ	Upsilon
Φ	φ	Phi
X	χ	Chi
Ψ	ψ	Psi
Ω	ω	Omega

CALENDAR WITH JULIAN DATE AND DAY NUMBERS

DAY OF MONTH	JANUARY			FEBRUARY			MARCH			APRIL			MAY			JUNE		
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3	Mon	3	373.5	Thu	34	404.5	Thu	62	432.5	Sun	93	463.5	Tue	123	493.5	Fri	154	524.5
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5	Wed	5	375.5	Sat	36	406.5	Sat	64	434.5	Tue	95	465.5	Thu	125	495.5	Sun	156	526.5
6	Thu	6	376.5	Sun	37	407.5	Sun	65	435.5	Wed	96	466.5	Fri	126	496.5	Mon	157	527.5
7	Fri	7	377.5	Mon	38	408.5	Mon	66	436.5	Thu	97	467.5	Sat	127	497.5	Tue	158	528.5
8	Sat	8	378.5	Tue	39	409.5	Tue	67	437.5	Fri	98	468.5	Sun	128	498.5	Wed	159	529.5
9	Sun	9	379.5	Wed	40	410.5	Wed	68	438.5	Sat	99	469.5	Mon	129	499.5	Thu	160	530.5
10	Mon	10	380.5	Thu	41	411.5	Thu	69	439.5	Sun	100	470.5	Tue	130	500.5	Fri	161	531.5
11	Tue	11	381.5	Fri	42	412.5	Fri	70	440.5	Mon	101	471.5	Wed	131	501.5	Sat	162	532.5
12	Wed	12	382.5	Sat	43	413.5	Sat	71	441.5	Tue	102	472.5	Thu	132	502.5	Sun	163	533.5
13	Thu	13	383.5	Sun	44	414.5	Sun	72	442.5	Wed	103	473.5	Fri	133	503.5	Mon	164	534.5
14	Fri	14	384.5	Mon	45	415.5	Mon	73	443.5	Thu	104	474.5	Sat	134	504.5	Tue	165	535.5
15	Sat	15	385.5	Tue	46	416.5	Tue	74	444.5	Fri	105	475.5	Sun	135	505.5	Wed	166	536.5
16	Sun	16	386.5	Wed	47	417.5	Wed	75	445.5	Sat	106	476.5	Mon	136	506.5	Thu	167	537.5
17	Mon	17	387.5	Thu	48	418.5	Thu	76	446.5	Sun	107	477.5	Tue	137	507.5	Fri	168	538.5
18	Tue	18	388.5	Fri	49	419.5	Fri	77	447.5	Mon	108	478.5	Wed	138	508.5	Sat	169	539.5
19	Wed	19	389.5	Sat	50	420.5	Sat	78	448.5	Tue	109	479.5	Thu	139	509.5	Sun	170	540.5
20	Thu	20	390.5	Sun	51	421.5	Sun	79	449.5	Wed	110	480.5	Fri	140	510.5	Mon	171	541.5
21	Fri	21	391.5	Mon	52	422.5	Mon	80	450.5	Thu	111	481.5	Sat	141	511.5	Tue	172	542.5
22	Sat	22	392.5	Tue	53	423.5	Tue	81	451.5	Fri	112	482.5	Sun	142	512.5	Wed	173	543.5
23	Sun	23	393.5	Wed	54	424.5	Wed	82	452.5	Sat	113	483.5	Mon	143	513.5	Thu	174	544.5
24	Mon	24	394.5	Thu	55	425.5	Thu	83	453.5	Sun	114	484.5	Tue	144	514.5	Fri	175	545.5
25	Tue	25	395.5	Fri	56	426.5	Fri	84	454.5	Mon	115	485.5	Wed	145	515.5	Sat	176	546.5
26	Wed	26	396.5	Sat	57	427.5	Sat	85	455.5	Tue	116	486.5	Thu	146	516.5	Sun	177	547.5
27	Thu	27	397.5	Sun	58	428.5	Sun	86	456.5	Wed	117	487.5	Fri	147	517.5	Mon	178	548.5
28	Fri	28	398.5	Mon	59	429.5	Mon	87	457.5	Thu	118	488.5	Sat	148	518.5	Tue	179	549.5
29	Sat	29	399.5				Tue	88	458.5	Fri	119	489.5	Sun	149	519.5	Wed	180	550.5
30	Sun	30	400.5				Wed	89	459.5	Sat	120	490.5	Mon	150	520.5	Thu	181	551.5
31	Mon	31	401.5				Thu	90	460.5				Tue	151	521.5			

DAY OF MONTH	JULY			AUGUST			SEPTEMBER			OCTOBER			NOVEMBER			DECEMBER		
	Day of Week	Year	Julian Date	Day of Week	Year	Julian Date	Day of Week	Year	Julian Date	Day of Week	Year	Julian Date	Day of Week	Year	Julian Date	Day of Week	Year	Julian Date
			-2,453,000			-2,453,000			-2,453,000			-2,453,000			-2,453,000			-2,453,000
1	Fri	182	552.5	Mon	213	583.5	Thu	244	614.5	Sat	274	644.5	Tue	305	675.5	Thu	335	705.5
2	Sat	183	553.5	Tue	214	584.5	Fri	245	615.5	Sun	275	645.5	Wed	306	676.5	Fri	336	706.5
3	Sun	184	554.5	Wed	215	585.5	Sat	246	616.5	Mon	276	646.5	Thu	307	677.5	Sat	337	707.5
4	Mon	185	555.5	Thu	216	586.5	Sun	247	617.5	Tue	277	647.5	Fri	308	678.5	Sun	338	708.5
5	Tue	186	556.5	Fri	217	587.5	Mon	248	618.5	Wed	278	648.5	Sat	309	679.5	Mon	339	709.5
6	Wed	187	557.5	Sat	218	588.5	Tue	249	619.5	Thu	279	649.5	Sun	310	680.5	Tue	340	710.5
7	Thu	188	558.5	Sun	219	589.5	Wed	250	620.5	Fri	280	650.5	Mon	311	681.5	Wed	341	711.5
8	Fri	189	559.5	Mon	220	590.5	Thu	251	621.5	Sat	281	651.5	Tue	312	682.5	Thu	342	712.5
9	Sat	190	560.5	Tue	221	591.5	Fri	252	622.5	Sun	282	652.5	Wed	313	683.5	Fri	343	713.5
10	Sun	191	561.5	Wed	222	592.5	Sat	253	623.5	Mon	283	653.5	Thu	314	684.5	Sat	344	714.5
11	Mon	192	562.5	Thu	223	593.5	Sun	254	624.5	Tue	284	654.5	Fri	315	685.5	Sun	345	715.5
12	Tue	193	563.5	Fri	224	594.5	Mon	255	625.5	Wed	285	655.5	Sat	316	686.5	Mon	346	716.5
13	Wed	194	564.5	Sat	225	595.5	Tue	256	626.5	Thu	286	656.5	Sun	317	687.5	Tue	347	717.5
14	Thu	195	565.5	Sun	226	596.5	Wed	257	627.5	Fri	287	657.5	Mon	318	688.5	Wed	348	718.5
15	Fri	196	566.5	Mon	227	597.5	Thu	258	628.5	Sat	288	658.5	Tue	319	689.5	Thu	349	719.5
16	Sat	197	567.5	Tue	228	598.5	Fri	259	629.5	Sun	289	659.5	Wed	320	690.5	Fri	350	720.5
17	Sun	198	568.5	Wed	229	599.5	Sat	260	630.5	Mon	290	660.5	Thu	321	691.5	Sat	351	721.5
18	Mon	199	569.5	Thu	230	600.5	Sun	261	631.5	Tue	291	661.5	Fri	322	692.5	Sun	352	722.5
19	Tue	200	570.5	Fri	231	601.5	Mon	262	632.5	Wed	292	662.5	Sat	323	693.5	Mon	353	723.5
20	Wed	201	571.5	Sat	232	602.5	Tue	263	633.5	Thu	293	663.5	Sun	324	694.5	Tue	354	724.5
21	Thu	202	572.5	Sun	233	603.5	Wed	264	634.5	Fri	294	664.5	Mon	325	695.5	Wed	355	725.5
22	Fri	203	573.5	Mon	234	604.5	Thu	265	635.5	Sat	295	665.5	Tue	326	696.5	Thu	356	726.5
23	Sat	204	574.5	Tue	235	605.5	Fri	266	636.5	Sun	296	666.5	Wed	327	697.5	Fri	357	727.5
24	Sun	205	575.5	Wed	236	606.5	Sat	267	637.5	Mon	297	667.5	Thu	328	698.5	Sat	358	728.5
25	Mon	206	576.5	Thu	237	607.5	Sun	268	638.5	Tue	298	668.5	Fri	329	699.5	Sun	359	729.5
26	Tue	207	577.5	Fri	238	608.5	Mon	269	639.5	Wed	299	669.5	Sat	330	700.5	Mon	360	730.5
27	Wed	208	578.5	Sat	239	609.5	Tue	270	640.5	Thu	300	670.5	Sun	331	701.5	Tue	361	731.5
28	Thu	209	579.5	Sun	240	610.5	Wed	271	641.5	Fri	301	671.5	Mon	332	702.5	Wed	362	732.5
29	Fri	210	580.5	Mon	241	611.5	Thu	272	642.5	Sat	302	672.5	Tue	333	703.5	Thu	363	733.5
30	Sat	211	581.5	Tue	242	612.5	Fri	273	643.5	Sun	303	673.5	Wed	334	704.5	Fri	364	734.5
31	Sun	212	582.5	Wed	243	613.5				Mon	304	674.5				Sat	365	735.5

CHRONOLOGICAL CYCLES (2005)

Dominical Letter	B	A letter that corresponds to the day upon which the first Sunday (and every subsequent Sunday) of the year falls. For example, A=Sunday Jan 1st, B=Sunday Jan 2nd, C= Sunday Jan 3rd etc. This system was developed in Roman times and is used in constructing the ecclesiastical calendar for any year.
Epact	19	The 'age' of the Moon, the number of days since new moon, diminished by one day, on January 1 in the Gregorian ecclesiastical lunar cycles.
Golden Number (Lunar Cycle)	XI	Year within a 19-year cycle after which moon phases repeat (approximately) on the same calendar day.
Julian Period (year of)	6718	Number of Julian years from Julian Day 0.
Roman Indiction	13	Year within a 15-year cycle based on a Roman taxation cycle. (This, in turn, was based on the maximum length of Roman military service, at the end of which taxation had to be finalised.)
Solar Cycle	26	Year within a 28-year cycle after which weekdays and calendar dates repeat in the Julian Calendar.

ERAS (2005)

ERA NAME	YEAR	BEGINS
Byzantine	7514	Sep 14
Chinese (Gui-Weu)	(4642)	Feb 9
Diocletian	1722	Sep 11
Grecian (Seleucidae)	2317	Sep 14 (or Oct 14)
GREGORIAN	2005	Jan 1
Indian (Saka)	1927	Mar 22
Islamic (Hegira)*	1426	Feb 9
Japanese	2665	Jan 1
Jewish (A.M)*	5766	Oct 3
Nabonassar	2754	Apr 22
Roman (A.U.C.)	2758	Jan 14

* Year begins at sunset.

All dates are given in terms of the Gregorian calendar in which 2005 January 14 corresponds to 2005 January 1 of the Julian Calendar.

RELIGIOUS CALENDAR (2005)

EVENT	DATE
Epiphany	Jan 6
Ash Wednesday	Feb 9
Islamic New Year (tabular)	Feb 10
Palm Sunday	Mar 20
Good Friday	Mar 25
Easter Day	Mar 27
First Day of Passover (Pesach)	Apr 24
Ascension Day	May 5
Whit Sunday – Pentecost	May 15
Trinity Sunday	May 22
Feast of Weeks (Shavuot)	Jun 13
First Day of Ramadan (tabular)	Oct 4
Jewish New Year (tabular) (Rosh Hashanah)	Oct 4
Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur)	Oct 13
First Day of Tabernacles (Succoth)	Oct 18
First Sunday in Advent	Nov 27
Christmas Day (Saturday)	Dec 25

The Jewish and Islamic dates above are tabular dates, which begin at sunset on the previous evening and end at sunset on the date tabulated. In practice, the dates of Islamic fasts and festivals are determined by an actual sighting of the appropriate New Moon.

HOURS	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12
FRACTION OF A DAY:	0.042	0.083	0.125	0.167	0.208	0.250	0.292	0.333	0.375	0.417	0.458	0.500

HOURS	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
FRACTION OF A DAY:	0.542	0.583	0.625	0.667	0.708	0.750	0.792	0.833	0.875	0.917	0.958	1.000

Rise Set Corrections

Most of the rise and set times quoted in this Almanac are correct for WA's population centre and state capital, Perth. The maps provided here will assist in the process of making corrections for observations at other locations around the state.

Meteorological and local topography affect the actual time of an object's rise or set. These affects vary from place to place and in general add an uncertainty of about two minutes to these times.

How to make a correction

1. Find the relevant rise or set time at Perth for the date you require,
2. Find the declination of the object on that date,
3. Find the rise or set map for the object's declination, or the two maps that bracket the declination, and
4. Estimate your location on the maps,
5. Estimate the correction from the map, or maps.
6. If you use two maps you will need to estimate the correction for both maps, then interpolate (estimate an intermediate value given the objects declination as a proportion between the map declinations) between these two values to obtain the overall correction.

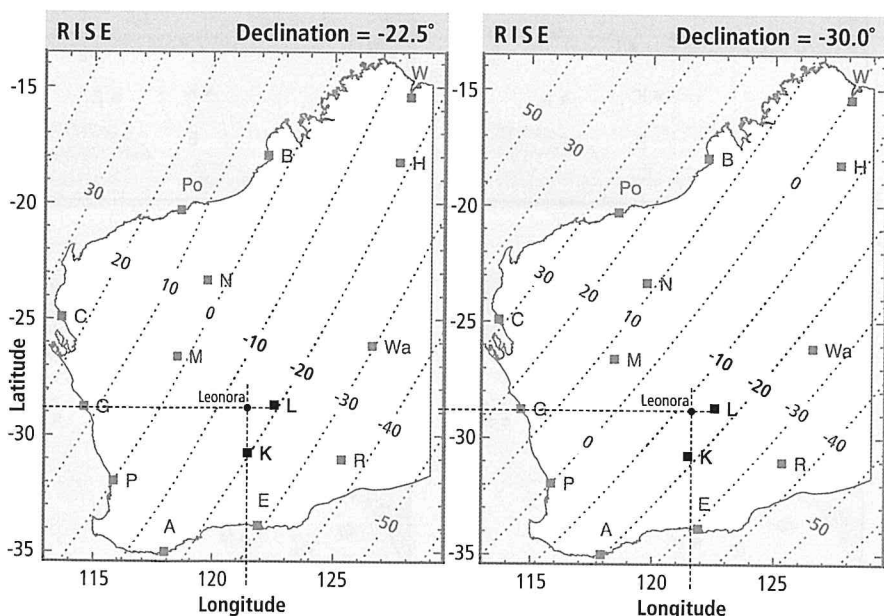
An example:

Sunrise time at Leonora on 2005 Dec 22nd (the December Solstice of 2005).

1. The sunrise time at Perth on that date is 0508 WAST (from December Sun and Moon rise and set table, see section: *December*).
2. The declination of the Sun on that date is $-23^{\circ} 26' 18'' = -(23+26/60+18/3600)^{\circ} = -23.44^{\circ}$ (from Sun position table, section: *Solar System Information*).
3. Leonora is approximately NW of the line joining Kalgoorlie and Laverton, or, latitude = -28.9 degrees and longitude = 121.33 degrees E.
4. Use the rise maps, with declinations -22.5° and -30.0° . From the rise correction maps the corrections are -16 minutes and -13 minutes, respectively.
5. Interpolate between maps: -23.44 is 0.94 from -22.5° toward -30.0° . So we must add $0.94/7.5$ of the difference between the estimates, from the estimate at -22.5° .
The interpolation 'correction' = $0.94/7.5 * (-13+16)$ minutes, is approximately 0 minutes (any fraction of 2 minutes is negligible for these purposes).
Total correction is -16 minutes (at declination = -22.5°) + interpolation (=0 minutes) = -16 minutes.

Sunrise time at Leonora

= Sunrise time at Perth + correction = 0508 WAST -16 minutes = 0452 WAST.



Notes for maps

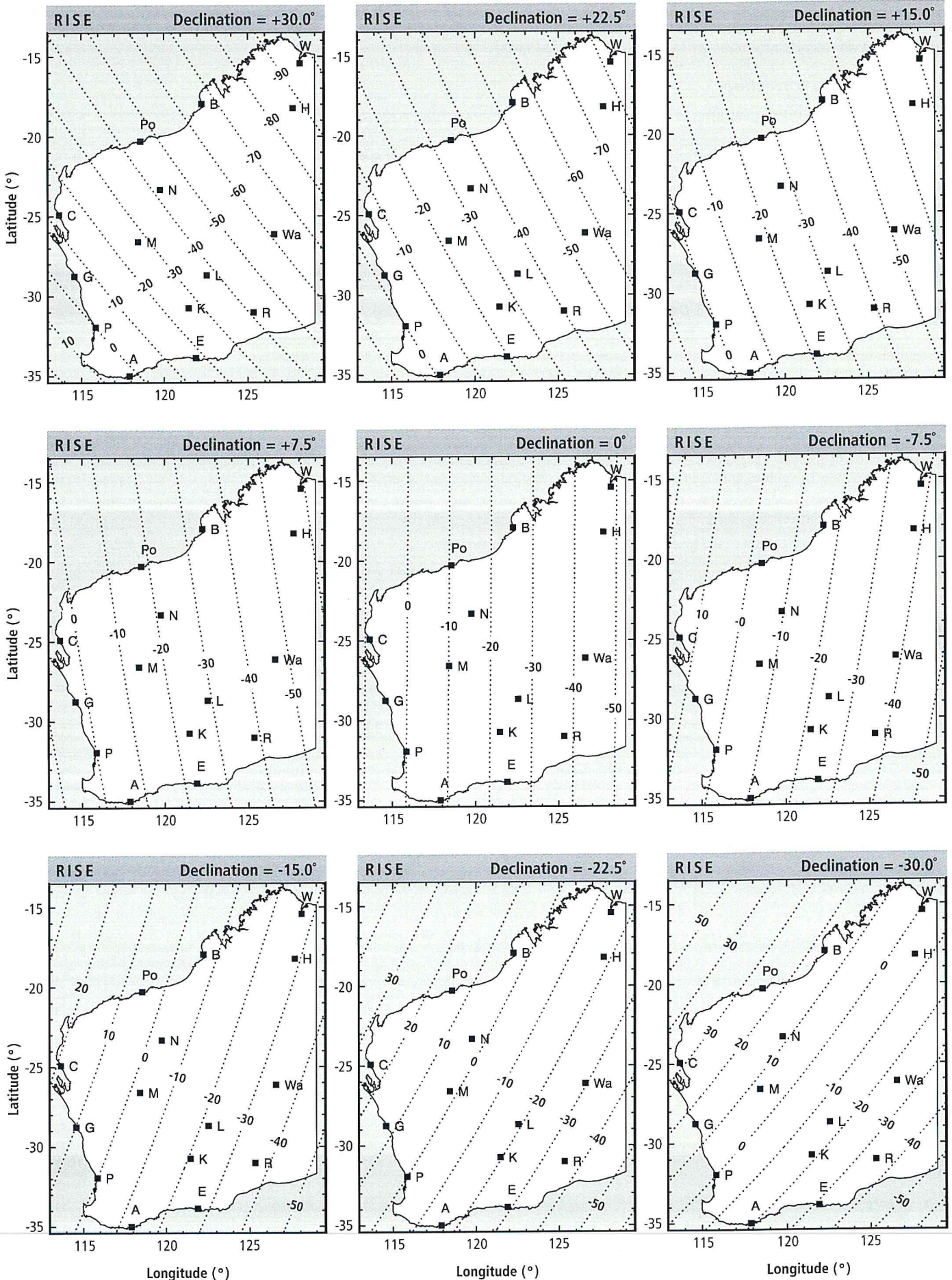
All corrections are the number of minutes to be added to the rise or set time at Perth. The cities and towns indicated are:

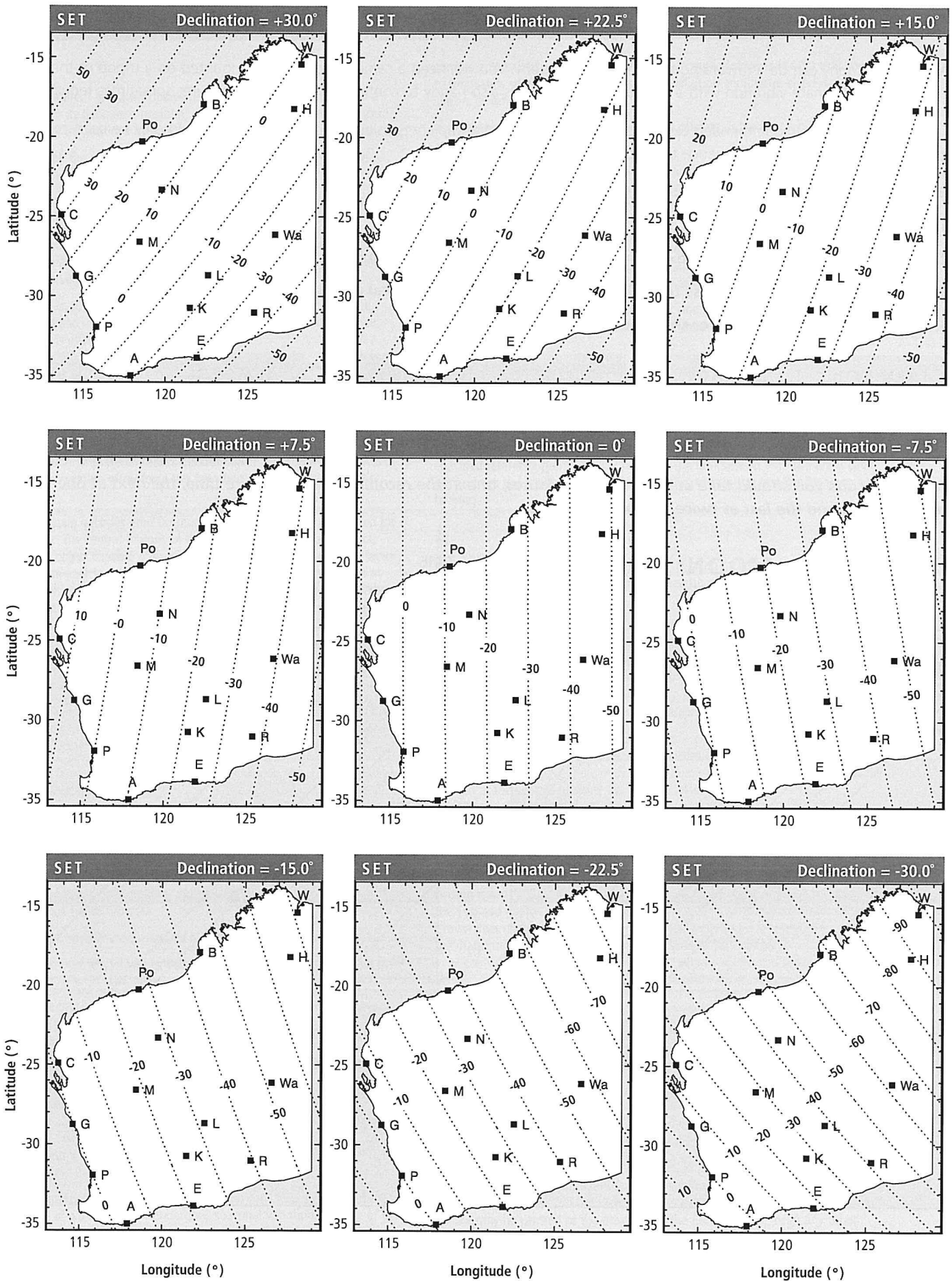
A Albany	B Broome	C Carnarvon	E Esperance
G Geraldton	H Halls Creek	K Kalgoorlie	L Laverton
M Meekatharra	N Newman	P Perth	Po Port Hedland
R Rawlinna	Wa Warburton Community	W Wyndham	

COORDINATES AROUND WA

LOCATION	Latitude (° South)	Longitude (° East)
Albany	35.018	117.884
Augusta	34.312	115.159
Bickley (Perth Observatory)	32.017	116.133
Bridgetown	33.958	116.141
Broome	17.962	122.236
Bunbury	33.340	115.642
Carnarvon	24.890	113.660
Christmas Island	10.483	105.623
Cocos (Keeling) Islands	12.166	96.823
Denmark	34.972	117.357
Derby	17.303	123.629
Esperance	33.866	121.888
Eucla	31.675	128.883
Fitzroy Crossing	18.178	125.591
Fremantle	32.056	115.746
Geraldton	28.779	114.614
Giles Meteorological Station	18.227	127.668
Joondalup	31.745	115.766
Kalgoorlie	30.749	121.466
Karratha	20.731	116.857
Kellerberrin	31.632	117.708
Kojonup	33.838	117.152
Lake Grace	33.089	118.405
Laverton	28.623	122.401
Mandurah	32.529	115.723
Marble Bar	21.172	119.746
Meekatharra	26.591	118.497
Moora	30.638	116.010
Mount Magnet	28.062	117.848
Narrogin	32.936	117.178
Newman	23.358	119.730
Norseman	32.196	121.778
Northam	31.647	116.669
Onslow	21.688	115.135
Pemberton	34.446	116.036
Perth	31.952	115.859
Port Hedland	20.310	118.601
Rawlinna	30.776	125.440
Rockingham	32.281	115.727
Southern Cross	31.227	119.327
Tom Price	22.694	117.793
Warburton Community	26.132	126.571
Wiluna	26.595	120.225
Wyndham	15.486	128.120
Yampi Sound	16.129	123.656

RISE/SET CORRECTION DIAGRAMS FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA





A Albany	C Carnarvon	G Geraldton	K Kalgoorlie	M Meekatharra	P Perth	R Rawlinna	Wa Warburton
B Broome	E Esperance	H Halls Creek	L Laverton	N Newman	Po Port Hedland	W Wyndham	Community

Astrophotography

Astrophotography can be a rewarding and challenging hobby. You will need a camera that is firmly mounted on a tripod or the like. You can also eliminate vibration with a remote switch, which is also handy to control the long time exposures sometimes required.

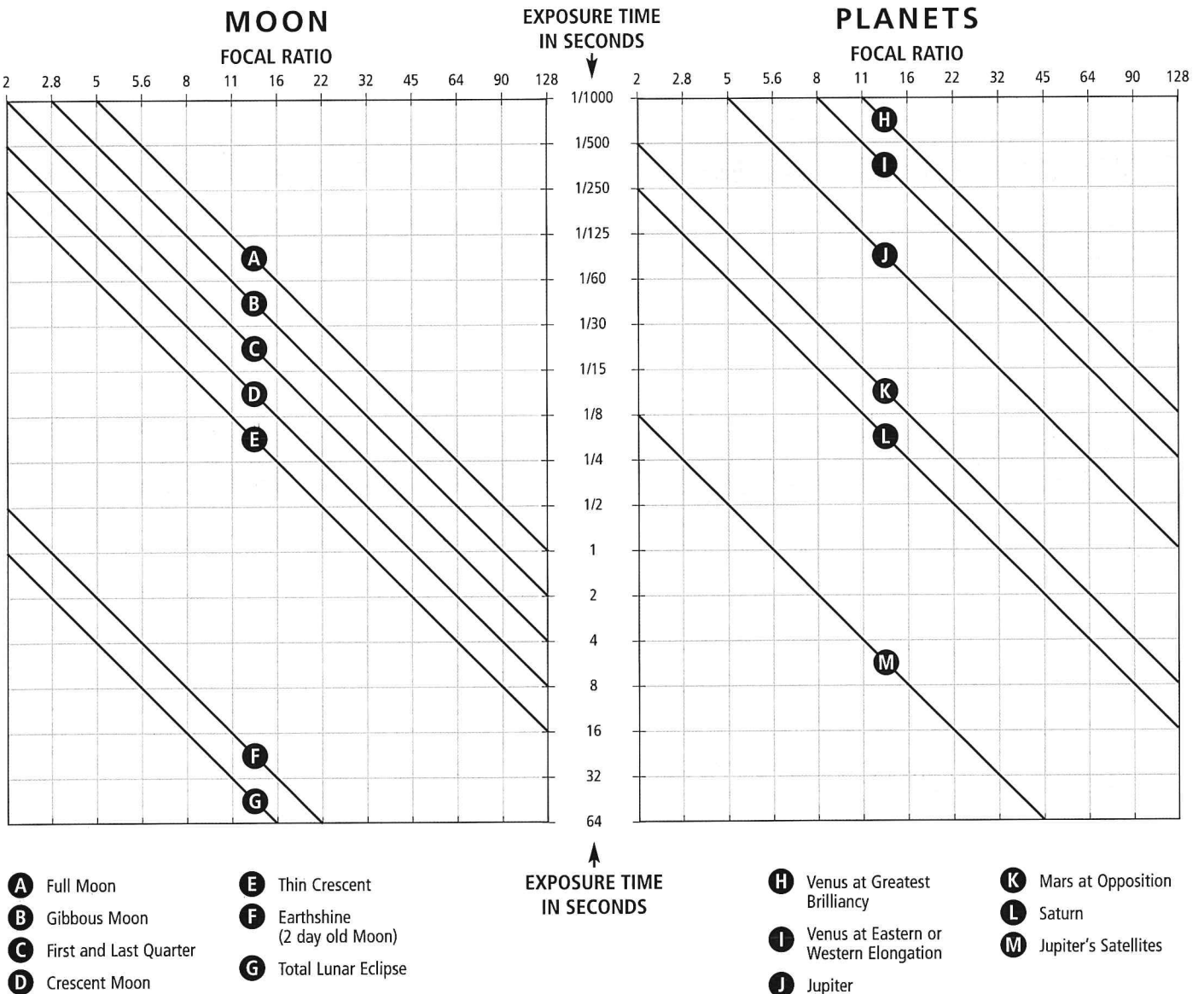
The graphs show the recommended exposure times for the Moon and planets using 100 ISO film. They should only be used as a guide because many factors influence the exposure time.

To select the correct exposure time:

1. Select your system's focal ratio along the horizontal axis,
2. Find the intersection with the exposure line of the Moon or planet required,
3. Follow a horizontal line across to find the intersection with the vertical axis for the exposure time, and
4. Correct the exposure time for the speed of your film.

FILM SPEED	MULTIPLY BY	FILM SPEED	DIVIDE BY	FILM SPEED	DIVIDE BY
32 ISO	4	200 ISO	2	800 ISO	8
64 ISO	2	400 ISO	4	1600 ISO	16

For best results you should take at least three exposures, one at the recommended exposure time, the next at one half the exposure, and the last at twice the exposure time.



ASTRONOMY AND ASTROPHYSICS DEFINITIONS

A

aberration: the apparent angular displacement of the observed position of a celestial object from its geometric position, caused by the finite velocity of light in combination with the motions of the observer and of the observed object.

aberration, annual: the component of stellar aberration resulting from the motion of the Earth about the Sun.

aberration, diurnal: the component of stellar aberration resulting from the observer's diurnal motion about the centre of the Earth.

aberration, planetary: the apparent angular displacement of the observed position of a celestial body produced by motion of the observer and the actual motion of the observed object.

aberration, secular: the component of stellar aberration resulting from the essentially uniform and rectilinear motion of the entire Solar System in space. Secular aberration is usually disregarded.

aberration, stellar: the apparent angular displacement of the observed position of a celestial body resulting from the motion of the observer. Stellar aberration is divided into diurnal, annual, and secular components.

accretion, accretion disk: Astronomical objects as diverse as protostars and active galaxies may derive their energy from the gravitational power released by the infall, or accretion, of material onto a central object. The combined effects of gravity, friction and rotation often force the accreting material into an orbiting accretion disk.

active galaxy: Certain galaxies emit far more energy than can be accounted for by their stars alone. The central regions of these galaxies harbour a compact, solar-system-sized object capable of outshining the rest of the galaxy by a factor of 100. The ultimate energy source for active galaxies may be the accretion of matter onto a supermassive black hole. Active galaxies can emit strongly across the entire electromagnetic spectrum, from radio waves to gamma rays. See quasar.

active optics: A technique to reduce the effects of slowly varying forces, such as gravitational deflections and temperature drifts, that can distort a mirror on time scales of minutes to hours, resulting in imperfect images.

adaptive optics: A set of techniques to adjust the mirrors of telescopes on time scales of hundredths of a second to correct for distortions in astronomical images due to turbulence in Earth's atmosphere.

arcminute: A unit of angle corresponding to 1/60th of a degree. The full moon is 30 arcminutes in diameter.

arcsecond: A unit of angle corresponding to 1/3600th of a degree; 1/60th of an arcminute. An arcsecond is approximately the size of a five cent coin viewed from a distance of 1 kilometre.

altitude: the angular distance of a celestial body above or below the horizon, measured along the great circle passing through the body and the zenith. Altitude is 90° minus zenith distance.

anomaly: angular measurement of a body in its orbit from its perihelion.

aphelion: the point in a planetary orbit that is at the greatest distance from the Sun.

apogee: the point at which a body in orbit around the Earth reaches its farthest distance from the Earth. Apogee is sometimes used with reference to the apparent orbit of the Sun around the Earth.

apparent place: the position on a celestial sphere, centred at the Earth, determined by removing from the directly observed position of a celestial body the effects that depend on the topocentric location of the observer; i.e., refraction, diurnal aberration and geocentric (diurnal) parallax. Thus, the position at which the object would actually be seen from the centre of the Earth, displaced by planetary aberration (except the diurnal part and referred to the true equator and equinox).

apparent solar time: the measure of time based on the diurnal motion of the true Sun. The rate of diurnal motion undergoes seasonal variation because of the obliquity of the ecliptic and because of the eccentricity of the Earth's orbit. Additional small variations result from irregularities in the rotation of the Earth on its axis.

array: There are two examples of arrays in common use in astronomy:

- (1) A group, or array, of telescopes can be combined to simulate a single large telescope, kilometres or even thousands of kilometres across.
- (2) Astronomical instruments have recently been fabricated using new electronic

components called detector arrays or charge-coupled devices (CCDs) that consist of thousands of individual detectors constructed on centimetre-sized wafers of silicon, or other materials.

aspect: the apparent position of any of the planets or the Moon relative to the Sun, as seen from Earth.

astrometric ephemeris: an ephemeris of a solar system body in which the tabulated positions are essentially comparable to catalogue mean places of stars at a standard epoch.

astrometry: The branch of astronomy concerned with measuring the positions of celestial objects. Advances in technology may soon permit a 1,000-fold improvement in the measurement of positions, and thus in astronomers' ability to determine distances to stars and galaxies. See parallax.

astronomical co-ordinates: the longitude and latitude of a point on Earth relative to the geoid. These co-ordinates are influenced by local gravity anomalies.

astronomical unit (a.u.): the radius of a circular orbit in which a body of negligible mass, and free of perturbations, would revolve around the Sun in $2\pi/k$ days, where k is the Gaussian gravitational constant. This is slightly less than the semimajor axis of the Earth's orbit. Its value is approximately 1.496×10^8 km.

azimuth: the angular distance measured clockwise along the horizon from a specified reference point (usually north) to the intersection with the great circle drawn from the zenith through a body on the celestial sphere. Similar to compass bearing.

B

baseline: The separation between telescopes in an interferometer. The largest baseline determines the finest detail that can be discerned with an interferometer.

Big Bang: Most astronomers believe that the universe began in a giant explosion called the Big Bang about 14 billion years ago. Starting from an initial state of extremely high density, the universe has been expanding and cooling ever since. Some of the most fundamental observed properties of the universe, including the abundance of light elements such as helium and lithium and the recession of galaxies, can be accounted for by modern theories of the Big Bang.

black hole: A region in space where the density of matter is so extreme, and the resultant pull of gravity so strong, that not even light can escape. Black holes are probably the end point in the evolution of some types of stars and are probably located at the centres of some active galaxies and quasars.

blackbody radiation: A glowing object emits radiation in a quantity and at wavelengths that depend on the temperature of the object. For example, a poker placed in a hot fire first glows red-hot, then yellow-hot, then finally white-hot. This radiation is called thermal or blackbody radiation.

brown dwarf: A star-like object that contains less than about 0.08 the mass of the Sun and is thus too small to ignite nuclear fuels and become a normal star. Brown dwarfs emit small amounts of infrared radiation due to the slow release of gravitational energy and may be a component of dark matter.

C

calendar: a system of reckoning time in which days are enumerated according to their position in cyclic patterns.

Catalogue Equinox: the intersection of the hour circle of zero right ascension of a star catalogue with the celestial equator.

Celestial Equator: the projection onto the celestial sphere of the Earth's equator.

Celestial Pole: either of the two points projected onto the celestial sphere by the extension of the Earth's axis of rotation to infinity.

celestial sphere: an imaginary sphere of arbitrary radius upon which celestial bodies may be considered to be located. As circumstances require, the celestial sphere may be centred at the observer, at the Earth's centre, or at any other location.

charge-coupled device, or CCD: An electronic detector used for lowlight-level imaging and astronomical observations. CCDs were developed by NASA for use in the Hubble Space Telescope and the Galileo probe to Jupiter and are now widely used on ground-based telescopes. See also array.

conjunction: the phenomenon in which two bodies have the same apparent celestial longitude or right ascension as viewed from a third body. Conjunctions are usually tabulated as geocentric phenomena. For Mercury and Venus, geocentric inferior conjunction occurs when the planet is between the Earth and Sun, and superior conjunction occurs when the Sun is between the planet and Earth.

constellation: a grouping of stars, usually with pictorial or mythical associations, that serves to identify an area of the celestial sphere. Also, one of the precisely defined areas of the celestial sphere, associated with a grouping of stars, that the International Astronomical Union has designated as a constellation,

co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC): the time scale available from broadcast time signals. UTC differs from TAI (see International Atomic Time) by an integral number of seconds; it is maintained within ± 0.90 second of UT1 (see Universal Time) by the introduction of one second steps (leap seconds).

cosmic microwave background (CMB) radiation: The radiation left over from the Big Bang explosion at the beginning of the universe. As the universe expanded, the temperature of the fireball cooled to its present level of 2.7 degrees above absolute zero (2.7 K). Blackbody radiation from the cosmic background is observed at radio, millimetre, and submillimetre wavelengths.

cosmic rays: Protons and nuclei of heavy atoms that are accelerated to high energies in the magnetic field of our galaxy and that can be studied directly from Earth or from satellites.

culmination: passage of a celestial object across the observer's meridian; also called meridian passage. More precisely, culmination is the passage through the point of greatest altitude in the diurnal path. Upper culmination (also called "culmination above pole" for circumpolar stars and the Moon) or transit is the crossing closer to the observer's zenith. Lower culmination (also called "culmination below pole" for circumpolar stars and the Moon) is the crossing farther from the zenith.

D

dark energy: An as yet unknown form of energy that pervades the universe. Its presence was inferred from the discovery that the expansion of the universe is accelerating, and these observations suggest that about 70 percent of the total density of matter plus energy is in this form. Such an acceleration is predicted if the cosmological constant that Einstein included in his General Theory of Relativity were non-zero.

dark matter: Approximately 80 percent of the matter in the universe may so far have escaped direct detection. The presence of this unseen matter has been inferred from motions of stars and gas in galaxies, and of galaxies in clusters of galaxies. Candidates for the missing mass include brown dwarf stars and exotic subatomic particles. Dark matter was called "missing mass" for many years. However, because it is the light, not the mass, that is missing, astronomers have given up this terminology.

day: an interval of 86,400 SI seconds (see second, Systeme International), unless otherwise indicated.

declination: angular distance on the celestial sphere north or south of the celestial equator. It is measured along the hour circle passing through the celestial object. Declination is usually given in combination with right ascension or hour angle. It can be considered the celestial analogue of latitude on Earth.

diffraction limit: The finest detail that can be discerned with a telescope. The physical principle of diffraction limits this level of detail to a value proportional to the wavelength of the light observed divided by the diameter of the telescope.

direct motion: for orbital motion in the solar system, motion that is counter clockwise in the orbit as seen from the north pole of the ecliptic; for an object observed on the celestial sphere, motion that is from west to east, resulting from the relative motion of the object and the Earth.

diurnal motion: the apparent daily motion caused by the Earth's rotation, of celestial bodies across the sky from east to west.

Dynamical Time: the family of time scales introduced in 1984 to replace ephemeris time as the independent argument of dynamical theories and ephemerides.

E

eccentricity: a parameter (usually for orbits) that specifies the extent to which an ellipse departs from circularity. For a circle, eccentricity = 0. Most of the planets and their satellites have low eccentricity. Many comets, and some asteroids and planetary satellites have very eccentric orbits, with eccentricity approaching 1.

eclipse: the obscuration of a celestial body caused by its passage through the shadow cast by another body.

eclipse, annular: a solar eclipse (see eclipse, solar) in which the solar disk is never completely covered but is seen as an annulus or ring at maximum eclipse. An annular eclipse occurs when the apparent disk of the Moon is smaller than that of the Sun.

eclipse, lunar: an eclipse in which the Moon passes through the shadow cast by the Earth. The eclipse may be total (the Moon passing completely through the Earth's umbra), partial (the Moon passing partially through the Earth's umbra at maximum eclipse), or intersecting penumbral (the Moon passing only through the Earth's penumbra).

eclipse, solar: an eclipse in which the Earth passes through the shadow cast by the Moon. It may be total (observer in the Moon's umbra), partial (observer in the Moon's penumbra), or annular.

ecliptic: the mean plane of the Earth's orbit around the Sun. It is also the path of the Sun against the background stars.

elements, orbital: parameters that specify the position and motion of a body in orbit.

electromagnetic spectrum: Radiation can be represented as electric and magnetic fields vibrating with a characteristic wavelength or frequency. Long wavelengths (low frequencies) correspond to radio radiation; intermediate wavelengths, to millimetre and infra-red radiation; short wavelengths (high frequencies), to visible and ultraviolet light; and extremely short wavelengths, to x-rays and gamma rays. Most astronomical observations measure some form of electromagnetic radiation.

elongation, greatest: the instants when the geocentric angular distances of Mercury and Venus from the Sun are at a maximum.

elongation (planetary): the geocentric angle between a planet and the Sun, measured in the plane of the planet, Earth and Sun. Planetary elongations are measured from 0° to 180° east or west of the Sun.

elongation (satellite): the geocentric angle between a satellite and its primary, measured in the plane of the satellite, planet and Earth. Satellite elongations are measured from 0° east or west of the planet.

ephemeris: a tabulation of the positions of a celestial object in an orderly sequence for a number of dates.

Ephemeris Time (ET): the time scale used prior to 1984 as the independent variable in gravitational theories of the solar system. In 1984, ET was replaced by dynamical time.

epoch: an arbitrary fixed instant of time or date used as a chronological reference point for calendars (see calendar), celestial reference systems, star catalogues, or orbital motions.

equation of time: the hour angle of the true Sun minus the hour angle of the fictitious mean sun; alternatively, apparent solar time minus mean solar time.

equator: the great circle on the surface of a body formed by the intersection of the surface with the plane passing through the centre of the body perpendicular to the axis of rotation. (See celestial equator.)

equinox: either of the two points on the celestial sphere at which the ecliptic intersects the celestial equator; also, the time at which the Sun passes through either of these intersection points; i.e., when the apparent longitude of the Sun is 0° or 180°.

era: a system of chronological notation reckoned from a given date.

expansion of the universe: The tendency of every part of the universe to move away from every other part due to the initial impetus of the Big Bang; also known as the Hubble expansion, after the American astronomer Edwin Hubble, whose observations of receding galaxies led to scientists' current understanding of the expanding universe. See redshift.

extragalactic: Objects outside our galaxy, more than about 50,000 light-years away, are referred to as extragalactic.

F

fictitious mean sun: an imaginary body introduced to define mean solar time; essentially the name of a mathematical formula that defined mean solar time. This concept is no longer used in high precision work.

G

galaxy: An isolated grouping of tens to hundreds of billions of stars ranging in size from 5,000 to 150,000 light-years across. Spiral galaxies like our own Milky Way are flattened disks of stars and often contain large amounts of gas out of which new stars can form. Elliptical galaxies are shaped more like footballs and are usually devoid of significant quantities of gas.

gamma-ray astronomy: The study of astronomical objects using the most energetic form of electromagnetic radiation.

gegenschein: faint nebulous light about 20° across near the ecliptic and opposite the Sun, best seen in September and October. Also called counter glow.

General Relativity: Einstein's theory of gravity in which the gravity is the curved geometry of space and time.

geocentric: with reference to, or pertaining to, the centre of the Earth.

geocentric co-ordinates: the latitude and longitude of a point on the Earth's surface relative to the centre of the Earth; also, celestial co-ordinates given with respect to the centre of the Earth.

geoid: an equipotential surface that coincides with mean sea level in the open ocean. On land it is the level surface that would be assumed by water in an imaginary network of frictionless channels connected to the ocean.

geometric position: the geocentric position of an object on the celestial sphere referred to the true equator and equinox, but without the displacement due to planetary aberration.

gravitational lens: A consequence of Einstein's General Relativity Theory is that the path of light rays can be bent by the presence of matter. Astronomers have observed that the light from a distant galaxy or quasar can be 'lensed' by the matter in an intervening galaxy to form multiple and often distorted images of the background object.

Gregorian calendar: the calendar introduced by Pope Gregory XIII in 1582 to replace the Julian calendar; the calendar now used as the civil calendar in most countries. Every year when the end year is exactly divisible by four is a leap year, except for centennial years, which must be exactly divisible by 400 to be leap years. Thus, 2000 is a leap year, but 1900 and 2100 are not leap years.

H

halo (of a galaxy): The roughly spherical distribution of dark matter and thinly scattered stars, star clusters, and gas that surround a spiral galaxy.

height: elevation above ground or distance upwards from a given level (especially sea level) to a fixed point. (See altitude.)

heliocentric: with reference to, or pertaining to, the centre of the Sun.

helioseismology: The study of the internal vibrations of the Sun. In a manner analogous to terrestrial seismology, helioseismology can reveal important information about the Sun's internal condition.

horizon: a plane perpendicular to the line from an observer to the zenith. The great circle formed by the intersection of the celestial sphere with a plane perpendicular to the line from an observer to the zenith is called the astronomical horizon.

horizontal parallax: the difference between the topocentric and geocentric positions of an object, when the object is on the astronomical horizon.

hour angle: angular distance on the celestial sphere measured westward along the celestial equator from the meridian to the hour circle that passes through a celestial object.

hour circle: a great circle on the celestial sphere that passes through the celestial poles and is therefore perpendicular to the celestial equator.

Hubble Space Telescope (HST): A 2.4-m-diameter space telescope designed to study visible, ultraviolet, and infrared radiation; the first of NASA's Great Observatories.

hydrogen: The most abundant element in the universe. It can be observed at a variety of wavelengths, including 21-cm radio, infrared, visible, and ultraviolet wavelengths, and in a variety of forms, including atoms (HI) and molecular (H₂) and ionised (HII) forms.

I

inclination: the angle between two planes or their poles; usually the angle between an orbital plane and a reference plane; one of the standard orbital elements that specifies the orientation of an orbit.

infra-red astronomy: The study of astronomical objects using intermediate-wavelength radiation to which the atmosphere is mostly opaque and the human eye insensitive. Humans sense infra-red energy as heat. The infra-red part of the electromagnetic spectrum generally corresponds to radiation with wavelengths from 1 mm to 1,000 mm. Objects with temperatures around room temperature emit most of their radiation in the infrared.

interferometer, interferometry: A spatial interferometer combines beams of light from different telescopes to synthesise the aperture of a single large telescope; see array. Spatial interferometry is the main technique used by astronomers to map sources at high resolution and to measure their positions with high precision. A different form of interferometer can be used on a single telescope to break up the light into its constituent colours; see spectroscopy.

International Atomic Time (TAI): the continuous scale resulting from analyses by the Bureau International des Poids et Mesures of atomic time standards in many countries. The fundamental unit of TAI is the SI second, and the epoch is 1958 January 1.

invariable plane: the plane through the centre of mass of the Solar System perpendicular to the angular momentum vector of the Solar System.

irradiation: an optical effect of contrast that makes bright objects viewed against a dark background appear to be larger than they really are.

J

Julian calendar: the calendar introduced by Julius Caesar in 46 B.C. to replace the Roman calendar. In the Julian calendar a common year is defined to comprise 365 days, and every fourth year is a leap year comprising 366 days. The Julian calendar was superseded by the Gregorian calendar.

Julian date (JD): the interval of time in days and fraction of a day since 4713 B.C. January 1, Greenwich noon, Julian proleptic calendar. In precise work the timescale, e.g., dynamical time or Universal Time, should be specified. This system facilitates easy calculation of the time interval between two events.

Julian date, modified (MJD): the Julian date minus 2400000.5.

Julian day number: the integral part of the Julian date.

L

latitude, celestial: angular distance on the celestial sphere measured north or south of the ecliptic along the great circle passing through the poles of the ecliptic and the celestial object.

latitude, terrestrial: angular distance on the Earth measured north or south of the equator along the meridian of a geographic location.

leap second: a second added between 60 seconds and 0 seconds at the announced times to keep UTC within 0s.90 of UT1. Generally, leap seconds are added at the end of June or December.

librations: variations in the orientation of the Moon's surface with respect to an observer on the Earth. Physical librations are due to variations in the orientation of the Moon's rotational axis in inertial space. The much larger optical librations are due to variations in the rate of the Moon's orbital motion, the obliquity of the Moon's equator to its orbital plane, and the diurnal changes of geometric perspective of an observer on the Earth's surface.

light-time: the interval of time required for light to travel from a celestial body to the Earth. During this interval the motion of the body in space causes an angular displacement of its apparent place from its geometric place.

light pollution: The emission of stray light or glare from lighting fixtures in manners that counter the purpose of the light (which is to light what is below); also known as the waste of money and energy in the form of electric light, usually meant in the form of outdoor night lighting. Such light trespass can cause severe safety problems for motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists at night from lighting that shines onto streets and highways and footpaths from poorly-designed or poorly-mounted lighting. Such glare also imposes on privacy, by shining brightly into private residences at night and into backyards where adults and children are trying to observe the night sky. It also restricts our view of the night sky – a part of our world's natural and cultural heritage. While most people have accepted bad lighting and glare without question and assumed that nothing could be done about it, dedicated groups of volunteers around the world are now showing that effective laws and guidelines can be instated at the local and regional levels of government (and in planning and engineering offices). This can mean that proper outdoor night lighting can be a norm so that everybody benefits - car drivers, sleeping residents, government budgets, and skygazers alike. Laws limiting light pollution are already in existence in the Czech Republic and certain regions of the USA.

light-year: A unit of astronomical distance equal to the distance light travels in a year: about 10,000,000,000,000 km. The nearest star is 4 light-years away. The center of our galaxy is about 25,000 light-years away. The closest galaxy is about 180,000 light-years away.

limb: the apparent edge of the Sun, Moon, or a planet or any other celestial body with a detectable disk.

local sidereal time: the local hour angle of a catalogue equinox.

longitude, celestial: angular distance on the celestial sphere measured eastward along the ecliptic from the dynamical equinox to the great circle passing through the poles of the ecliptic and the celestial object.

longitude, terrestrial: angular distance measured along the Earth's equator from the Greenwich meridian to the meridian of a geographic location.

luminosity class: distinctions among stars of the same spectral class. (See spectral types or classes).

lunar phases: cyclically recurring apparent forms of the Moon. New moon, first quarter, full moon and last quarter are defined as the times at which the excess of the apparent celestial longitude of the Moon over that of the Sun is 0° , 90° , 180° and 270° respectively.

lunation: the period of time between two consecutive new moons.

M

Magellanic Clouds, Large and Small: Two galaxies close to our own Milky Way, located about 180,000 light-years away and visible only from the Southern Hemisphere. A bright supernova, SN1987A, was observed in the Large Magellanic Cloud in 1987.

magnetohydrodynamics: The study of the motion of gases in the presence of magnetic fields.

magnitude, stellar: a measure on a logarithmic scale of the brightness of a celestial object considered as a point source. Fainter stars have numerically larger magnitudes. The brightest stars, excluding the Sun, are about magnitude 0; the faintest star visible to the unaided eye is about magnitude 6. A star of magnitude 15 is one-millionth as bright as the half dozen brightest stars of magnitude 0. Stars as faint as magnitude 28 can be seen with powerful terrestrial or spaceborne telescopes.

magnitude of a lunar eclipse: the fraction of the lunar diameter obscured by the shadow of the Earth at the greatest phase of a lunar eclipse, measured along the common diameter.

magnitude of a solar eclipse: the fraction of the solar diameter obscured by the Moon at the greatest phase of a solar eclipse, measured along the common diameter.

massive compact halo object (MACHO): An hypothetical object of roughly stellar mass in the halo of our galaxy that is too faint to be detected by its own emission. MACHOs are indirectly detected via gravitational microlensing of more distant stars.

mean anomaly: in undisturbed elliptic motion, the product of the mean motion of an orbiting body and the interval of time since the body passed pericentre. Thus, the mean anomaly is the angle from pericentre of a hypothetical body moving with a constant angular speed that is equal to the mean motion.

mean distance: the semimajor axis of an elliptic orbit.

mean equator and equinox: the celestial reference system determined by ignoring small variations of short period in the motions of the celestial equator. Thus, the mean equator and equinox are affected only by precession. Positions in star catalogues are normally referred to the mean catalogue equator and equinox of a standard epoch.

mean motion: in undisturbed elliptic motion, the constant angular speed required for a body to complete one revolution in an orbit of a specified semimajor axis.

mean place: the geocentric position, referred to the mean equator and equinox of a standard epoch, of an object on the celestial sphere centred at the Sun. A mean place is determined by removing from the directly observed position the effects of refraction, parallax geocentric and stellar parallax, and stellar aberration, and by referring the co-ordinates to the mean equator and equinox of a standard epoch.

mean solar time: a measure of time based conceptually on the diurnal motion of the fictitious mean sun, under the assumption that the Earth's rate of rotation is constant.

meridian: a great circle passing through the celestial poles and through the zenith of any location on Earth. For planetary observations a meridian is half the great circle passing through the planet's poles and through any location on the planet.

microlensing: Gravitational lensing due to a stellar mass object. This lensing phenomenon is called microlensing because the mass of the lens is so small compared with that of a galaxy. Microlensing of distant stars by intervening faint stars can reveal planets in orbit around the lensing star.

Milky Way: Our Sun is located in the Milky Way Galaxy, a spiral galaxy consisting of some 100,000,000,000 stars spread in a disk more than 80,000 light-years across and hundreds of light-years thick. The central disk of the Milky Way is the wide path of faint light that stretches across the night sky.

month: the period of one complete synodic or sidereal revolution of the Moon around the Earth; also, a calendrical unit that approximates the period of revolution.

moonrise, moonset: the times at which the apparent upper limb of the Moon is on the astronomical horizon; i.e., when the true zenith distance, referred to the centre of the Earth, of the central point of the disk is $90^\circ 34' + s - \pi$, where s is the Moon's semi-diameter, π is the horizontal parallax, and $34'$ is the adopted value of horizontal refraction.

N

nadir: the point on the celestial sphere diametrically opposite to the zenith.

neutrino: One of a family of subatomic particles with little or no mass. These particles are generated in nuclear reactions on Earth, in the centers of stars, and during supernova explosions and can give unique information about these energetic processes. Because neutrinos interact only weakly with matter, they are difficult to detect.

node: either of the points on the celestial sphere at which the plane of an orbit intersects a reference plane. The position of a node is one of the standard orbital elements used to specify the orientation of an orbit.

nucleosynthesis: The process by which heavy elements such as helium, carbon, nitrogen, and iron are formed out of the fusion of lighter elements, such as hydrogen, during the normal evolution of stars, during supernova explosions, and in the Big Bang.

nutaton: the short-period oscillations in the motion of the pole of rotation of a freely rotating body that is undergoing torque from external gravitational forces. Nutation of the Earth's pole is discussed in terms of components in obliquity and longitude.

O

obliquity: in general, the angle between the equatorial and orbital planes of a body or, equivalently, between the rotational and orbital poles. For the Earth the obliquity of the ecliptic is the angle between the planes of the equator and the ecliptic.

occultation: the obscuration of one celestial body by another of greater apparent diameter; especially the passage of the Moon in front of a star or planet, or the disappearance of a satellite behind the disk of its primary. If the primary source of illumination of a reflecting body is cut off by the occultation, the phenomenon is also called an eclipse. The occultation of the Sun by the Moon is a solar eclipse.

opposition: a configuration of the Sun, Earth and a planet in which the apparent geocentric longitude of the planet differs by 180° from the apparent geocentric longitude of the Sun.

optical astronomy: The study of astronomical objects using light waves with wavelengths from about 1 to $0.3 \mu\text{m}$. The human eye is sensitive to most of these wavelengths. See electromagnetic spectrum.

orbit: the path in space followed by a celestial body.

P

parallax: the difference in apparent direction of an object as seen from two different locations; conversely, the angle at the object that is subtended by the line joining two designated points. Geocentric (diurnal) parallax is the difference in direction between a topocentric observation and a hypothetical geocentric observation. Heliocentric or annual parallax is the difference between hypothetical geocentric and heliocentric observations; it is the angle subtended at the observed object by the semimajor axis of the Earth's orbit.

parsec: the distance at which one astronomical unit subtends an angle of one second of arc; equivalently, the distance to an object having an annual parallax of one second of arc. Its value is 3.086×10^{13} km, or 3.27 light years.

penumbra: the portion of a shadow in which light from an extended source is partially but not completely cut off by an intervening body; the area of partial shadow surrounding the umbra.

pericentre: the point in an orbit that is nearest to the centre of force.

perigee: the point at which a body in orbit around the Earth most closely approaches the Earth. Perigee is sometimes used with reference to the apparent orbit of the Sun around the Earth.

perihelion: the point at which a body in orbit around the Sun most closely approaches the Sun.

period: the interval of time required to complete one revolution in an orbit or one cycle of a periodic phenomenon, such as a cycle of phases.

phase: the ratio of the illuminated area of the apparent disk of a celestial body to the area of the entire apparent disk taken as a circle. For the Moon, phase designations (see lunar phases) are defined by specific configurations of the Sun, Earth and Moon. For eclipses, phase designations (total, partial, penumbral, etc.) provide general descriptions of the phenomena. More generally, for use with oddly shaped bodies, phase might be defined as $0.5(1 + \cos(\text{phase angle}))$.

phase angle: the angle measured at the centre of an illuminated body between the light source and the observer.

photometry: a measurement of the intensity of light usually specified for a specific frequency range.

planetocentric co-ordinates: co-ordinates for general use, where the z-axis is the mean axis of rotation, the x-axis is the intersection of the planetary equator (normal to the z-axis through the centre of mass) and an arbitrary prime meridian, and the y-axis completes a right-hand co-ordinate system. Longitude of a point is measured positive to the prime meridian as defined by rotational elements. Latitude of a point is the angle between the planetary equator and a line to the centre of mass. The radius is measured from the centre of mass to the surface point.

planetographic co-ordinates: co-ordinates for cartographic purposes dependent on an equipotential surface as a reference surface. Longitude of a point is measured in the direction opposite to the rotation (positive to the west for direct rotation) from the cartographic position of the prime meridian defined by a clearly observable surface feature. Latitude of a point is the angle between the planetary equator (normal to the z-axis and through the centre of mass) and normal to the reference surface at the point. The height of a point is specified as the distance above a point with the same longitude and latitude on the reference surface.

polar motion: the irregularly varying motion of the Earth's pole of rotation with respect to the Earth's crust.

precession: the uniformly progressing motion of the pole of rotation of a freely rotating body undergoing torque from external gravitational forces. In the case of the Earth, the component of precession caused by the Sun and Moon acting on the Earth's equatorial bulge is called lunisolar precession; the component caused by the action of the planets is called planetary precession. The sum of lunisolar and planetary precession is called general precession.

proper motion: the projection onto the celestial sphere of the space motion of a star relative to the solar system; thus, the transverse component of the space motion of a star with respect to the solar system. Proper motion is usually tabulated in star catalogues as changes in right ascension and declination per year or century.

protogalaxy: Galaxies are thought to have formed fairly early in the history of the universe, by the collapse of giant clouds of gas. During this process, a first generation of stars formed.

protoplanetary or protostellar disk: A disk of gas and dust surrounding a young star or protostar out of which planets may form.

protostar: The earliest phase in the evolution of a star, in which most of its energy comes from the infall of material, or accretion, onto the growing star. A protostellar disk probably forms around the star at this time.

Q

quadrature: a configuration in which two celestial bodies have apparent longitudes that differ by 90° as viewed from a third body. Quadratures are usually tabulated with respect to the Sun as viewed from the centre of the Earth.

quasar: An extremely compact, luminous source of energy found in the cores of certain galaxies. A quasar may outshine its parent galaxy by a factor of 1,000 yet be no larger than our own solar system. The accretion of gas onto a supermassive black hole probably powers the quasar. Active galaxies are probably less luminous and less distant versions of quasars.

R

radial velocity: the rate of change of the distance to an object.

radio astronomy: The study of astronomical objects using radio waves with wavelengths generally longer than 0.5 to 1 mm. See electromagnetic spectrum.

redshift: Radiation from an approaching object is shifted to higher frequencies (to the blue), while radiation from a receding object is shifted to lower frequencies (to the red). A similar effect raises the pitch of an ambulance siren as it approaches. The expansion of the universe makes objects recede so that the light from distant galaxies is redshifted. The redshift is parameterised by z , where the wavelength shift is given by the factor $(1 + z)$ times the wavelength.

refraction, astronomical: the change in direction of travel (bending) of a light ray as it passes obliquely through the atmosphere. As a result of refraction the observed altitude of a celestial object is greater than its geometric altitude. The amount of refraction depends on the altitude of the object and on atmospheric conditions.

resolution: Spatial resolution describes the ability of an instrument to separate features at small details; see diffraction limit and interferometer.

retrograde motion: for orbital motion in the solar system, motion that is clockwise in the orbit as seen from the north pole of the ecliptic; for an object observed on the celestial sphere, motion that is from east to west, resulting from the relative motion of the object and the Earth.

right ascension: angular distance on the celestial sphere measured eastward along the celestial equator from the equinox to the hour circle passing through the celestial object. Right ascension is usually given in combination with declination. It can be considered the celestial analogue of longitude on Earth.

S

second, Systeme International (SI): the duration of 9,192,631,770 cycles of radiation corresponding to the transition between two hyperfine levels of the ground state of caesium 133.

selenocentric: with reference to, or pertaining to, the centre of the Moon.

semidiameter: the angle at the observer subtended by the equatorial radius of the Sun, Moon or a planet.

semi-major axis: half the length of the major axis of an ellipse; a standard element used to describe an elliptical orbit.

sidereal day: the time interval between two consecutive transits of the catalogue equinox (Right Ascension 0h for a specific catalogue). A slightly inaccurate definition is the time interval between two consecutive transits of a given star.

sidereal hour angle: angular distance on the celestial sphere measured westward along the celestial equator from the catalogue equinox to the hour circle passing through the celestial object. It is equal to 360° minus right ascension in degrees.

sidereal time: the measure of time defined by the apparent diurnal motion of the catalogue equinox; hence, a measure of the rotation of the Earth with respect to the stars rather than the Sun.

solstice: either of the two points on the ecliptic at which the apparent longitude of the Sun is 90° or 270° ; also, the time at which the Sun is at either point.

spectral resolution: describes the ability of an instrument to discern small shifts in wavelength; see spectroscopy.

spectroscopy: A technique whereby the light from astronomical objects is broken up into its constituent colours. Radiation from the different chemical elements that make up an object can be distinguished, giving information about the abundances of these elements and their physical state.

spectral types or classes: categorisation of stars according to their spectra, primarily due to differing temperatures of the stellar atmosphere. From hottest to coolest, the spectral types are O, B, A, F, G, K and M.

standard epoch: a date and time that specifies the reference system to which celestial co-ordinates are referred. Prior to 1984 co-ordinates of star catalogues were commonly referred to the mean equator and equinox of the beginning of a Besselian year. Beginning with 1984 the Julian year has been used, as denoted by the prefix J, e.g., J2000.0.

starburst galaxy: Certain galaxies, particularly those perturbed by a close encounter or collision with another galaxy, often form stars at a rate hundreds of times greater than that evident in our galaxy. Such galaxies are bright sources of infrared radiation.

stationary point (of a planet): the position at which the rate of change of the apparent right ascension of a planet is momentarily zero.

submillimetre radiation: Electromagnetic radiation with wavelengths between about 0.1 and 1 mm intermediate between radio and infrared radiation.

sunrise, sunset: the times at which the apparent upper limb of the Sun is on the astronomical horizon; i.e., when the true zenith distance, referred to the centre of the Earth, of the central point of the disk is $90^\circ 50'$, based on adopted values of $34'$ for horizontal refraction and $16'$ for the Sun's semidiameter.

Sunyaev-Zeldovich effect: An astrophysical effect whereby the distribution of wavelengths of radiation seen through the gas in a distant cluster of galaxies is subtly modified. Measurement of this effect can be used to determine the distance to the cluster.

supermassive black hole: A black hole that is much more massive than the Sun. Supermassive black holes with masses exceeding a million solar masses are found in the nuclei of most galaxies.

supernova: A star that, due to accretion of matter from a companion star or exhaustion of its own fuel supply, can no longer support itself against its own weight and thus collapses, throwing off its outer layers in a burst of energy that outshines an entire galaxy. In 1987 a star in the Large Magellanic Cloud was observed as a dramatic supernova called Supernova 1987A.

surface brightness (of a planet): the visual magnitude of an average square arc-second area of the illuminated portion of the apparent disk.

synodic period: for planets, the mean interval of time between successive conjunctions of a pair of planets, as observed from the Sun; for satellites, the mean interval between successive conjunctions of a satellite with the Sun, as observed from the satellite's primary.

T

Terrestrial Time (TT): the independent argument for apparent geocentric ephemerides, known in this publication 1984 - 2000 as Terrestrial Dynamical Time (TDT). At 1977 January 1d00h00m00s TAI, the value of TT was exactly 1977 January 1d0003725. The unit of TT is 86 400 SI seconds at mean sea level. For practical purposes $TT = TAI + 32s184$.

terminator: the boundary between the illuminated and dark areas of the apparent disk of the Moon, a planet or a planetary satellite

topocentric: with reference to, or pertaining to, a point on the surface of the Earth.

transit: the passage of the apparent centre of the disk of a celestial object across a meridian; also, the passage of one celestial body in front of another of greater apparent diameter (e.g., the passage of Mercury or Venus across the Sun or Jupiter's satellites across its disk); however, the passage of the Moon in front of the larger apparent Sun is called an annular eclipse. The passage of a body's shadow across another body is called a shadow transit; however, the passage of the Moon's shadow across the Earth is called a solar eclipse.

true anomaly: the angle, measured at the focus nearest the pericentre of an elliptical orbit, between the pericentre and the radius vector from the focus to the orbiting body; one of the standard orbital elements.

true equator and equinox: the celestial co-ordinate system determined by the instantaneous positions of the celestial equator and ecliptic. The motion of this system is due to the progressive effect of precession and the short-term, periodic variations of nutation.

twilight: the interval of time preceding sunrise and following sunset (see sunrise, sunset) during which the sky is partially illuminated. Civil twilight comprises the interval when the zenith distance, referred to the centre of the Earth, of the central point of the Sun's disk is between $90^\circ 50'$ and 96° , nautical twilight comprises the interval from 96° to 102° , and astronomical twilight comprises the interval from 102° to 108° .

U

ultraviolet astronomy: The study of astronomical objects using short-wavelength radiation, from 0.3 mm to 0.01 mm (10 nm), to which the atmosphere is opaque and the human eye insensitive. See electromagnetic spectrum.

umbra: the portion of a shadow cone in which none of the light from an extended light source (ignoring refraction) can be observed.

Universal Time (UT): a measure of time that conforms, within a close approximation, to the mean diurnal motion of the Sun and serves as the basis of all civil timekeeping. UT is formally defined by a mathematical formula as a function of sidereal time. Thus, UT is determined from observations of the diurnal motions of the stars. The time scale is determined directly from such observations is designated UT0; it is slightly dependent on the place of observation. When UT0 is corrected for the shift in longitude of the observing station caused by polar motion, the time scale UT1 is obtained. Whenever the designation UT is used in this volume, UT1 is implied.

V

vernal equinox: the ascending node of the ecliptic on the celestial sphere; also, the time at which the apparent longitude of the Sun is 0° .

vertical: the apparent direction of gravity at the point of observation (normal to the plane of a free level surface).

W

week: an arbitrary period of days, usually seven days; approximately equal to the number of days counted between the four phases of the Moon.

X

x-ray astronomy: The study of astronomical objects using x-rays with wavelengths shorter than about 10 nm, to which the atmosphere is opaque. X-rays are emitted by extremely energetic objects that have temperatures of millions of degrees. See electromagnetic spectrum.

Y

year: a period of time based on the orbit of the Earth around the Sun. The calendar year (see Gregorian calendar) is an approximation to the tropical year. The anomalistic year is the mean interval between successive passages of the Earth through perihelion. The sidereal year is the mean period of revolution with respect to the background stars.

year, tropical: the period of one complete revolution of the mean longitude of the Sun with respect to the dynamical equinox.

Z

zenith: in general, the point directly overhead on the celestial sphere. The astronomical zenith is the extension to infinity of a plumb line. The geocentric zenith is defined by the line from the centre of the Earth through the observer. The geodetic zenith is the normal to the geodetic ellipsoid at the observer's location.

zenith distance: angular distance on the celestial sphere measured along the great circle from the zenith to the celestial object. Zenith distance is 90° minus altitude.

zodiacal light: a nebulous light seen in the east before twilight and in the west after twilight. It is triangular in shape along the ecliptic with the base on the horizon and its apex at varying altitudes. It is best seen in middle latitudes on spring evenings and autumn mornings.

What was that?

Attention seekers in the night sky

One of the ways Perth Observatory serves the taxpayers of Western Australia is by answering enquiries from the public. A lot of these involve interpreting people's naked-eye observations of something in the sky. Hopefully, reading this section will stimulate an awareness of what is visible in the night sky as well facilitating an increase in observing skills so that anyone can make scientifically meaningful observations. More details concerning some of the objects discussed here, and their visibility, can be found elsewhere in this Almanac.

Most careful and detailed observations of apparently unusual objects are explicable by known phenomena. When given thorough (but time consuming) examination, less than 2% of allegedly unusual observations remain "unidentified". Just because they are unidentified does not mean they are evidence of extraterrestrials, or their technology! The late Professor Carl Sagan once said, "extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence".

The following objects are the subject of most enquiries.

Venus

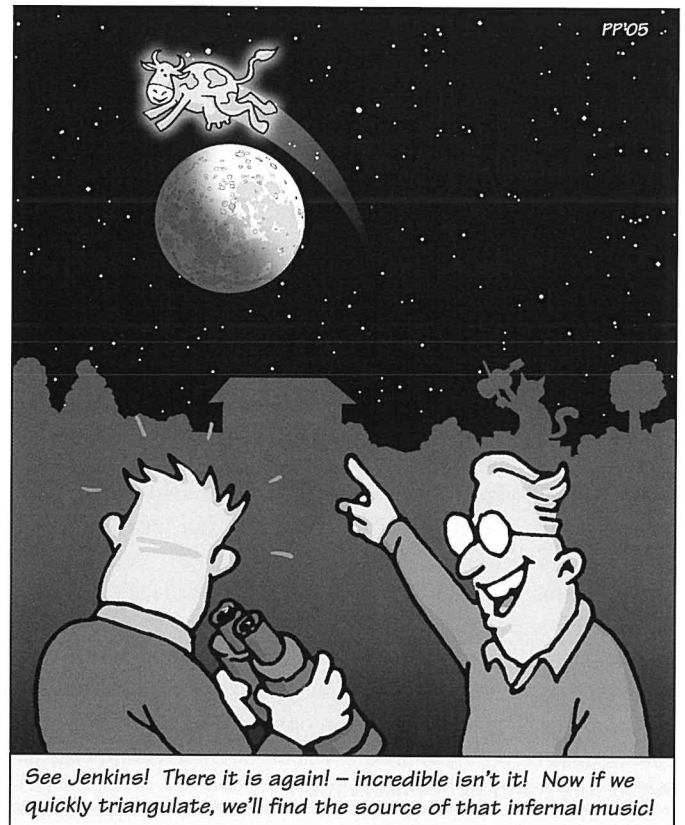
Venus is the brightest star-like object in the sky. It can appear as an 'evening star' as well as a 'morning star' – it just depends on its and Earth's positions in their respective orbits around the Sun. Venus orbits closer to the Sun than Earth, so it is only visible up to about three hours after sunset or before sunrise – it can never be visible around midnight (except in polar regions). Consult the monthly sections for information on the visibility of this planet (and other planets).

Shooting stars or meteors

Shooting stars are the glow of energy released as small particles about the size of a grain of sand "crash" into Earth's upper atmosphere. Very bright meteors are called fireballs or bolides. Sometimes they are so bright they can even be observed in the daytime, and sometimes a sonic boom can be heard as they break the sound barrier when they plough through the atmosphere. At certain times of the year the Earth passes through a cloud of comet debris and the number of meteors substantially increases (see meteor showers in the *Solar System Information* Section). Some meteors are the debris from collisions between asteroids.

Satellites

Satellites are generally visible for a few hours after sunset and a few hours before sunrise as they reflect sunlight off their highly reflective outer surfaces. Around midnight low-Earth orbiting satellites (the majority) are not visible because they are in Earth's shadow. Most satellites are launched in a roughly West to East orbit as this has the lowest fuel requirements. This is also the trajectory of most of the space junk that glows on re-entry into the atmosphere. **Space junk** re-entries have orbits essentially parallel with the ground so they last for a longer duration and can be viewed along a long path across the Earth. Weather and reconnaissance satellites can orbit North to South (or vice versa) in order to get a longer duration view of the Earth. **Iridium communication satellites** have one highly reflecting surface and when the geometry is favourable we can observe a slow flash of light that builds up to a maximum in about 5 seconds, and then fades over a similar time. About one of these flashes is visible from any location on the Earth every night, and about once per month a flash about ten times brighter than Venus provides a spectacular sight. Information about the visibility of satellites can be found in the *Astronomy on the Internet* sub-section.



Clouds

Clouds can partially obscure the Moon, planets and aircraft thus giving the impression of changing lights or a halo effect. Beams of light moving through the sky, or circles of light on the under side of clouds result from **searchlights** operated on the ground (usually to promote some entertainment activity). High-altitude aircraft can also leave a trail of water vapour called a contrail.

Refraction (the bending of light) through **ice crystals** or **water droplets** high in the atmosphere can create halos and coronae (coloured clouds) near the Sun or Moon.

Pranks

Some people make artificial "UFOs". One of the Observatory staff has actually recovered one after tracking it. Such "UFOs" may have the appearance of either a solitary light, or a string of lights moving in unison across the night sky. This prank can be very dangerous because of the fire and aviation hazards involved.

Recording your observations

A **Sighting Report Form** is provided on the following page, and an explanation of its contents is given in order to assist the recording of scientifically useful observations.

The first thing of note about the Sighting Report Form is its rather non-specific nature. That is, with only minor modification it could be adapted for other uses such as bird watching, rock hunting etc. You are encouraged to modify it for your specific use.

An important point to remember is: **record your own observations as soon as possible after the event**. Try not to be influenced by those who may have accompanied you. Instead, get them to complete their own Sighting Report Forms. We don't all observe things in the same way, so multiple individual reports of a sighting will provide a more accurate description of the event. Also, try to be objective about your observations. This can be difficult because a spectacular or sudden event can evoke a variety of emotions.

The section concerning the Observer Details is rather obvious, but we do need these should we require to contact you.

The Sighting Details section has many parts, but please try to be brief as well accurate with your report.

The **date** and **time** are important details. Don't forget to look at your watch or a clock as soon as possible after the sighting (this is probably inappropriate during the sighting). Local time (appropriate to your time zone) should be recorded to the nearest minute. Try to be fairly precise with your **location**. It is acceptable to record this in relative terms such as "100 metres west of Fremantle Railway Station", "in my backyard", etc. Observatory staff can always determine the location more accurately later if need be. Also, note the **sky conditions** as best you can. Conditions other than clear, dark skies can really limit the quality of the observation or distort an otherwise commonplace event such as the motion of an aeroplane. Next, record your **method of observation**.

Some sightings are over in an instant, but try to determine the **duration**. It's probably inopportune to look at your watch during a sighting, but you could try to count the seconds using some mental (or voiced) counting method like – "One (thousand and), two (thousand and), three (thousand and) ..." Beware, most people are notoriously unreliable at guessing time intervals after a particularly startling event. Some phenomena have **sound** associated with them so report anything that you hear.

The **trajectory**, or path across the sky, or the location of a stationary event, is important data. The altitude above the horizon and the compass bearing where you first detected the object are the first things to note. The horizon has an altitude of 0 degrees (assuming any surrounding hills and valleys are of insignificant size), while straight overhead (the zenith) is at altitude 90 degrees. One way to estimate altitude is by spreading out your hand and holding it out at arm's length. The span between the tips of your thumb and little finger is approximately 20 degrees. Compass bearings start at 0 degrees for due North, and progress to 90 degrees for due East, 180 degrees for due South, 270 degrees for due East, and 360 degrees (reset back to

0 degrees) for the full circle around to due North. A compass will give you an accurate bearing and the difference between true North and Magnetic North is generally negligible in this context. If you can't determine the altitude and bearing at the time, then work them out at a later time providing you remember these quantities with respect to the scene around you, eg "above the South-side neighbour's highest tree when I was standing on my front door step". Apply the same principles for the altitude and bearing when the object was last seen. Record if it disappeared below the horizon. Note the requirement for direction to be expressed in angular format. Actual distance measurements are extremely unreliable for objects in the sky because there are few, if any, distance markers on which to base your estimate. **Sketch** the trajectory if you can, and try to indicate altitude and compass bearing.

Try to estimate the **angular size** of the object. For comparison the Moon is 1/2 degree in diameter and a finger width at arm's length from your eye is about 1 to 2 degrees wide. Also note any **colour** (and whether you are colour blind!). Record the structure of the object: was it a star-like point, did it fragment, etc?

Your observation will gain greater credibility if it is **confirmed** by another independent observer (who should complete a separate Sighting Report Form) or by use of another observing method such as photography.

Finally, record anything you think is relevant concerning the sighting or your particular observation.

Please feel free to copy the Sighting Report Form as many times as you need. Take them with you on your holidays, give them to your friends who live on (say) a remote cattle station or to your police officer sister-in-law etc. It is unlikely you will discover a new phenomenon unknown to science, but not impossible! One type of object you may sight quite often is a bright meteor. Your observation may assist in recovering any piece that reaches the ground. This extraterrestrial material is scientifically valuable as it gives clues on such matters as the formation of Solar System.

If you complete a Sighting Report Form please read the first part of this article. You will probably be able to identify what you observed. Then, if appropriate, please mail (or fax) your report to the address on the Sighting Report Form. If you think your sighting is of immediate interest please ring the number on the Sighting Report Form and relay the information you have just recorded. (Observatory staff will attempt to answer the telephone at night but sometimes they are too busy with observing duties).

In summary, the use of the Sighting Report Form should not only assist you as an observer but should also aid Observatory staff in interpreting your sighting. Finally, it's important to just enjoy viewing the night sky – its beauty has entranced humankind for untold millennia.

You can obtain a PDF of the Sighting Report from Perth Observatory's website at www.wa.gov.au/perthobs

Perth Observatory Sighting Report Form



OBSERVER DETAILS

Name: _____ P E R T H O B S E R V A T O R Y

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

SIGHTING DETAILS

Date: _____ Time: _____

Location: _____

Sky Conditions (eg. clear, 1/2 moon, 1/3 cloud, raining etc): _____

Method of Observation (eg. naked eye, binoculars etc): _____

Duration: _____

Sound: _____

	Altitude angle	Compass Bearing
Direction when first seen:		
Direction when last seen:		

Trajectory sketch:

Apparent Angular Size (eg. Full Moon is 1/2 degree):

Colour:

Structure (eg. point-like, streak, fragments):

Confirmation (other observer, video, etc):

Other Comments:

Send to: Sighting Report, Perth Observatory, 337 Walnut Rd, Bickley 6076, WA
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The Deep Foundations of Astronomy in Everyday Life – Units of Time

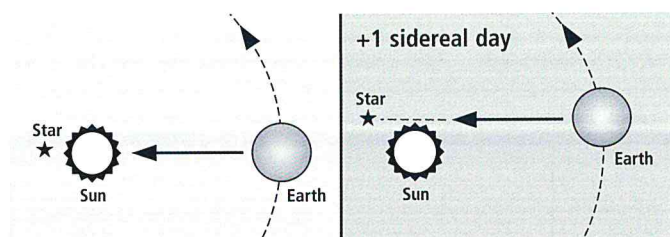
Knowledge accumulated over the ages shapes and influences our culture. Astronomy, being one of the oldest sciences, is particularly pervasive in our everyday lives. However this is often overlooked or not well appreciated by us all. In particular, our many units of time and ultimately our system of long-term time reckoning, calendars, have profound roots in astronomy.

Day

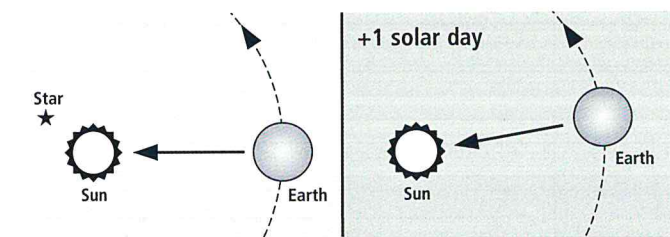
One of the most pervasive units of time is the day. It is inherently astronomical in basis as it corresponds to the rotation-induced night and day cycle of a planet about a star, and in our case one rotation of the Earth about its axis.

However, the day does not readily provide a straightforward standard of time keeping. First, the day is a local phenomenon because the precise position of the Sun varies across the Earth. Second, the exact definition of the day depends on the reference system used to count one complete rotation. Finally, the flow of time is only as constant as the rotation of the Earth.

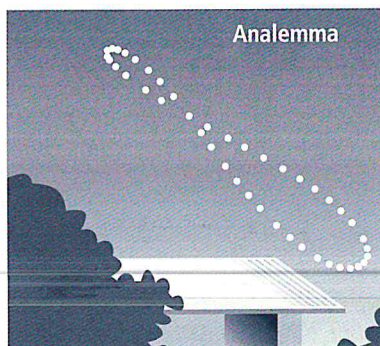
A **sidereal day** is defined as the time between successive passages of a given stellar background across the observer's meridian (the imaginary line in the sky joining the north and south poles). In this definition the distant stars are used as the external reference.



The **apparent solar day** is another definition of the day and is measured by the Sun's diurnal (day) movement across sky. That is, it is defined as the time it takes for successive passages of the Sun across the observer's meridian (or some other locally fixed reference).



Unfortunately, this definition produces a day whose length varies throughout the year, and is thus not a very accurate time standard (especially when compared to the sidereal day). This variability is apparent when one considers the **Analemma** – a plot of the Sun's position at a given local time across the days of one year. It is clear that the Sun's position at a given time moves about through the year, and so the time between meridian passages must vary throughout the year. The azimuth (parallel to the horizon) movement results for the elliptical orbit of the Earth about the Sun, and the altitude (perpendicular to the horizon) movement results from the tilt of the Earth's rotation axis with respect to its orbital axis.



In order to overcome the variability in the apparent solar day the **mean solar day** was defined by astronomers. This definition uses a fictitious body, the **mean sun**, which moves along the Celestial Equator with constant angular speed. This angular speed is equal to the mean angular speed of the real Sun along the ecliptic, that is, approximately $1^\circ/\text{day}$. The mean solar day is defined as the average time between successive passages of the Mean Sun over observer's meridian. It is 3 minutes 56 seconds longer than the Sidereal Day because of the Earth's orbital motion about the Sun. Another manifestation of this is that a given star rises 3 minutes 56 seconds earlier each day.

Hour

The division of the day into twenty-four hours is derived from ancient Egypt. At that time the Egyptians thought that the day was the manifestation of the motion across the sky of Ra the sun god in his boat. Early in Egyptian history the day (including night) was divided into 36 decans. However, they noticed that in the summer months in Lower Egypt (the region closest to the Nile delta) there was only twelve decans during the night. So in order to maintain a balance it was decreed that there were only twelve decans in the daylight time. Eventually the Egyptians divided the entire day into twenty-four intervals and these have descended to us as the way we divide the day by hours.

Minutes and Seconds

Division of the hour into sixty minutes and the minute, in turn, divided into sixty seconds results from the work of the famous astronomer Hipparchus of Rhodes (194 - 120 BCE). His work on the positions of the stars and, in particular, the motion of the planets was based on observations acquired earlier by the Babylonians. The Babylonians had a very well developed mathematics based on the sexagesimal (base 60) system, that is, they had a distinct symbol for each number from one to 59. Their system also incorporated the concept of placeholders which made mathematical operations such as addition, subtraction etc more straightforward. The placeholder concept is implicit in our decimal (base 10) system, for example, the ordering of the 3, 4 and 5 in the number 345 means 3 hundreds + 4 tens + 5 units. In the Babylonian system the number 345 would represent $3 \times 60 + 4 \times 60 + 5$ units.

Today, the second is defined in a manner independent of the motion of the Solar System (and irregularities in the rotation and orbit of the Earth). It is based on the frequency of oscillation associated with Cs¹³³ isotope. In fact, the second is now the fundamental unit of time in the international standards system (System Internationale, SI). It is formally defined in terms of the quantum mechanical manifestation of an atom, namely, as 9,192,631,770 periods of the hyperfine transition of Cs¹³³ ground state.

Week

There is no direct astronomical basis for the definition of the week. However, it is still related to astronomy. The Babylonians assigned planet names to the days of week. This was important to them because each of the objects they defined as planets was graced with the name of a god. At that time they knew of seven celestial objects that 'wandered' (the word planet is derived from the Greek for wander) through the skies.

Planet	Ancient planet gods			English	Modern	
	Babylonian	Roman	Anglo-Saxon		French	Spanish
Sun	Shamash	Sol	Sun	Sunday	Dimanche	Domingo
Moon	Sin	Luna	Moon	Monday	Lundi	Lunes
Mars	Nergal	Mars	Tiw	Tuesday	Mardi	Martes
Mercury	Nabu	Mercurius	Woden	Wednesday	Mercredi	Miercoles
Jupiter	Marduk	Jupiter	Thor	Thursday	Jeudi	Jueves
Venus	Ishtar	Venus	Freya	Friday	Vendredi	Viernes
Saturn	Ninurta	Saturnus	Saturn	Saturday	Samedi	Sabato

These seven 'planets' were (from closest to most distant as determined by the Babylonians) the Moon, Mercury, Venus, Sun, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. The table shows that the days of the week essentially retain the names of these gods even though they have been affected by changes in culture and language. The romance languages of French and Spanish retain a great similarity to their root language of Latin (the language of the Romans), whilst the English names are expressions of the equivalent Anglo-Saxons gods.

The days are not ordered with the Babylonian system of closest to most distant planet. This arose in response to the further association of the hours in each day with a planet. This association was organised in a cyclic order with the further constraint that a day had to have the same planet name for both the day and the first hour of the day.

Month

The very conspicuous change in the appearance of the Moon in its orbit about Earth is the astronomical basis of the month. In coastal regions this interval is also associated with the periodic behaviour of the tides. The length of the lunar month, the time between repetitions of a given phase, is 29.5306 days. Thus 12 repetitions of a given phase, i.e. months, corresponds to 354 days and approximately to one year.

Our current system of twelve months in a year is descended from the Romans. Early on the Roman year only contained 10 months. This led to a year that was too short and this was corrected around 700 BCE when further months were added. In order to make the year keep track with the seasons the number of days in February was changed and the inter-calendar month was either included or omitted from a given year in order to keep the months in track with the seasons.

In 46BCE Julius Caesar made changes to the Roman calendar, as the old system was open to abuse by the religious and political authorities that controlled it. His introduction of the leap year (an additional day in February for any year divisible by four) also assisted the calendar at better keeping the seasons in synchronism with the year. He was rewarded for this innovation by the naming of the month of July for him.

Augustus, during his reign, reminded the authorities that Julius had decreed that the interval between leap years was four years, and not three, as some thought. For this accomplishment he was rewarded around 8BCE by the naming of the month of August after him. Also, in order that he not be slighted the number of days in August was increased to 31 as for July, and February lost one day in this process.

Year

The astronomical basis of the year is Earth's orbit about the Sun. The following sections discuss the many definitions of the year that have arisen from scientific and civil needs.

A **calendar year** contains 365 or 366 mean solar days. This is the simplest form of the year we encounter in everyday life. Another type of calendar year we often encounter is the **leap year** that contains 366 mean solar days with the addition of an extra day in February. The **mean civil year** gives an

estimate of the long-term average length of the calendar year. However, the mean civil year's length depends upon which calendar is in use. In the Julian calendar there are on average 365.25 mean solar days. Today, most countries use the Gregorian calendar and the mean civil year's length is 365.2425 mean solar days. The difference between these two figures arises from the different ways in which leap years are defined and this is discussed in more detail in the calendars section below.

A more astronomically related time interval is the **sidereal year** that is defined as the time it takes for Sun to complete one "orbit about the Earth" with respect to the fixed background stars. This time interval is 365.2565 mean solar days.

Arguably the most important definition of the year is the **tropical year**. This is the time interval between successive passages of Sun across the celestial equator from the southern sky to the northern sky (this point in the sky is called the First Point of Aries). This passage occurs at the March Equinox and assists track the seasons that are the climatic response to the position of the Sun in the sky and the attendant amount of daily sunshine. The time interval of the tropical year is 365.2422 mean solar days. The Gregorian calendar with its mean civil year of 365.2425 mean solar days is specifically constructed for the purpose of assisting ongoing civil activities by keeping the months in synchronism with the seasons.

The difference between the duration of the sidereal and tropical years arises from the effect called precession. The rotation axis of the Earth slowly moves and this makes the position of the first point of Aries also move, thus shortening the tropical year compared to the sidereal year.

Calendars

A calendar is a system of organising units of time for the purpose of reckoning time over extended periods. Some calendars replicate astronomical cycles according to fixed rules, while others are based on abstract, perpetually repeating cycles of no astronomical significance. Our calendar, the Gregorian calendar, has an astronomical basis in the day, month and year. Complexity automatically arises for calendars based on astronomical cycles because the basic units of time are; not perfectly commensurable with each other, and, not constant.

Pope Gregory XIII instituted the Gregorian calendar in CE1582. It involved having calendar years of 365 days in length and 366 days in a leap year, and a redefinition of the leap year being any year divisible by 4, except those divisible by 100 – unless they were divisible by 400. (For example, 1900 and 1901 are not leap years, 2000 and 2004 are leap years). This leap year rule was created in order to keep the year better synchronised with the "Sun's orbit" and keep the seasons fixed appropriately to the months. However, the fine leap year adjustments in the Gregorian calendar are not perfect and after about 3,300 years it will be one day out of synchronism with the tropical year.

What's the time? – How to estimate the time using the Southern Cross

The Southern Cross (Crux) is one of the most prominent constellations in the sky. Its formal boundaries give it the least area on the sky, but because it contains four first magnitude stars it is the brightest (per unit area). It is also one of the most easily identified constellations – just join the dots and the pattern resembles a crucifix – just as its name suggests. However, it is sometimes frustrating to locate – especially on summer evenings. This is a pleasant time to view the stars but Crux is low on the horizon (except for locations further south than about 40° S latitude) and easily obscured by foreground objects, or it may actually have set and be located below the horizon.

Earth rotates once per day, and at night this manifests itself in the general East to West motion of the stars. Toward the South Celestial Pole (the projection of the Earth's rotation axis on the sky, see Southern Cross diagram) the stars appear to move in circles around this point.

For most locations in Australia the stars of the Southern Cross are sufficiently close to the South Celestial Pole that they move in an obvious circular arc through the night. This motion is somewhat reminiscent of the motion of the hour hand of a clock, and the Southern Cross diagram assists in the estimation of local time based on the orientation of the Southern Cross.

The Southern Cross diagram indicates the orientation of the constellation at hourly interval around a clock face. The date for which the local time is the same as that indicated by the orientation of the Southern Cross is located next to the hour labels. Note: the dates are approximate and have an uncertainty of about one day.

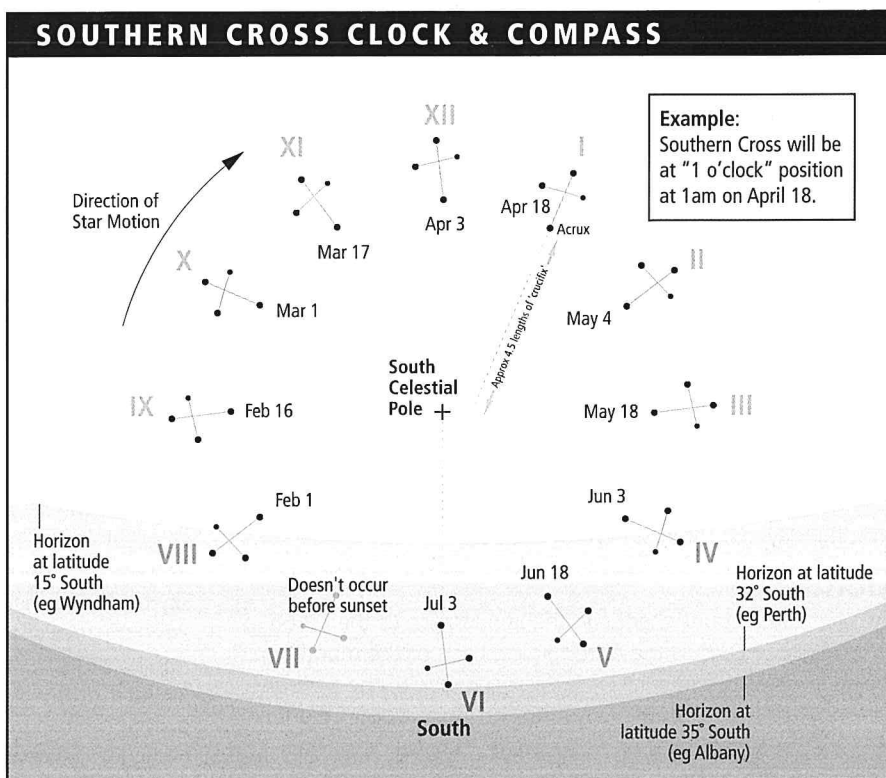
For a given 'Southern Cross hour configuration' the local time will be one hour earlier every 15.5 days after the date given with the hour on the diagram. For example, the Southern Cross will have the XII hour configuration on May 04 (31 days after that on the diagram) when the local time is 10pm (two hours earlier).

A convenient time for many people to observe the stars is around 8pm. The following table gives the date of each 'Southern Cross hour configuration' at that time.

HOUR	DATE	HOUR	DATE	HOUR	DATE
I	Jul 02	V	Nov 01	IX	Mar 03
II	Aug 02	VI	Dec 02	X	Apr 02
III	Sep 01	VII	Jan 01	XI	May 01
IV	Oct 02	VIII	Feb 01	XII	Jun 02

Using the information in the diagram or table, and knowing the date, you can calculate the local time from the orientation of the Southern Cross.

Note: The dates listed here are relevant for observers located at the longitude of Perth. Observers at other locations will have to make a correction to take into account the effect of longitude. The easiest way to make these corrections is to consult the rise or set correction graphs for declination 0° (they are correct for longitude only - which is appropriate for this situation as we are not dealing with rise or set times). To the 'times' represented by the orientation of the Southern Cross you must ADD the



correction at your location, in order to estimate the local time at your location. For example, around April 03 the 'Southern Cross time' is hour XII for Perth observers at midnight local time. For Leonora, the rise/set correction graphs for declination 0° indicate a correction of -23 minutes needs to be applied. Therefore, on April 03 it is 1137 pm (2337 WAST) when the Southern Cross is oriented at its most upright (hour XII) as viewed from Leonora.

Finding South

At all times, the long axis of the Southern Cross points approximately to the South Celestial Pole. In order to find the South Celestial Pole project an imaginary line along the Cross's long axis, 4 1/2 times its length, away from the **bottom** of the crucifix (as indicated on the Southern Cross time diagram). The bottom of the cross is defined by the star Acrux, the star in Southern Cross time diagram closest to the South Celestial Pole, independent of the orientation of the Southern Cross. Note that there is no bright star at this point. (The star Polaris is close to the North Celestial Pole, but is not visible from the Southern Hemisphere.) The geographic South Pole lies directly below the South Celestial Pole on the horizon.

Note: You risk injury if you walk through the countryside at night. Do so only in emergency situations. It is better to orient yourself by finding South, then select a landmark, and travel in the daytime using the landmark as a direction reference.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN PLACES OF ASTRONOMICAL INTEREST

OBSERVATORIES

Perth Observatory

founded 1896

Perth Observatory is the oldest continuously operating astronomical observatory in Australia. For over 100 years it has served the state of Western Australia by its provision of information and educational services, as well as conducting international-standard astronomical research. It is situated in the locality of Bickley in the Darling Range. This site is adequate for astronomical research, yet it is only 25 km east of the city and conveniently close for the public to attend its educational activities.

As part of the Observatory's education and public outreach programme, several telescopes with apertures ranging from 20 to 40cm (10" to 16") are used to show night visitors the splendors of the southern skies. These nights are very popular so booking is essential. Alternatively, we can bring portable telescopes to your site for an Astronomy Field Night in order to show you the stars. Observatory staff regularly conduct many astronomy talks and lectures. A museum has been established to inform visitors about the history of the Observatory and to educate them in the science of astronomy.

Generous assistance from the Perth Observatory Volunteer Group and LotteryWest has facilitated acquisition of equipment to assist the disabled to participate in starviewing activities.

The Observatory also has a well-equipped shop that sells a variety of astronomy-based educational material and gifts.

Star viewing nights

Times vary during the year. No sessions May-September inclusive – Bookings essential. Session lasts approximately 1.5 hours.

Daytime Guided Tours

10am, 12.30pm, or by appointment – Bookings essential.

Astronomy Field Nights

Observatory staff take portable telescopes to your site in order to show you the stars. Booking is essential.

Costs

All services attract charges, contact the Observatory for details.

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Information Line: (08) 9293 8109
Website: www.wa.gov.au/perthobs
Email: perthobs@calm.wa.gov.au

Pingelly Heights Observatory (Astro Ventures)

The Pingelly Heights Observatory is just one and a half hours drive from the Perth Metropolitan area. Follow the Brookton Highway from Kelmscott to Brookton then turn south for Pingelly. The property is named 'SUNARISE' Lot 11 Pingelly Heights (off Aldersyde Road) Pingelly. **Astro Ventures** caters especially for: primary and secondary schools, youth groups, community organisations, private parties and others on request. They are open from October 1 to April 30, the following year; on Friday and Saturday nights only.

For prices, further information and ticket reservations:

Phone: (08) 9887 0088 or 0407 380 922
Fax: (08) 9887 0207

Address: Astro Ventures, PO Box 512, Pingelly, WA 6308
Website: <http://www.westnet.com.au/astroventures>
Email: astroventures@westnet.com.au

Southern Cross Cosmos Centre

The Southern Cross Cosmos Centre is a commercial observatory situated about an hours drive north of Perth, and is co-sited with the Australian International Gravitational Observatory, a research establishment run by the University of Western Australia. The SCCC has seven telescopes including one of West Australia's biggest, the 25 inch Obsession. The other instruments include two 8 inch Schmidt Cassegrains, two 12 inch LX200 computer controlled SC's, a 14 inch Celestron SC and a 16 inch Meade Newtonian. Binoculars will be available for patrons to use plus live video of the Moon and planets when appropriate.

The observatory is open each Friday and Saturday from October to April, (inclusive) with the evenings running from 7.30pm to 10.00pm. Other evenings are available on request but minimum charges apply. Bookings are essential and can be made by contacting **Astro Nights**.

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Stargate Observatory

Hyden, Western Australia

Stargate Observatory is an exciting new tourism venture that is now open in Hyden, away from the city lights and pollution (350km from Perth). Hyden's clear, dark skies provide the perfect place for telescopic viewing and orientation to our beautiful southern skies. The Stargate Observatory is situated approximately 2km from Wave Rock on the East Hyden Bin Road. It is only a short drive from the resort and other accommodation in Hyden.

There are two primary telescopes available for public viewing, an 8" Meade Schmidt Cassegrain and a 16" Meade Starfinder Equatorial. Binoculars are also available.

Our building may also be of interest as it was built using the rendered straw bale building technique.

Tours

Tours commence at 7:30pm from April until October and at 8:00pm November until March. Tours are conducted nightly (weather permitting) except for four nights each month during the full moon. Each tour runs for approximately 2.5 hours and will include a brief slide show and usage of the telescopes and binoculars. A light supper will be provided and is included in the price. It will consist of fresh, farm-baked goodies. Tea, coffee and cold drinks will also be provided.

Bookings are necessary and can be made on-line or by phone. Discounts apply for seniors, YHA members and groups of more than ten. All our facilities have disabled access.

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AMATEUR ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETIES & ASSOCIATED GROUPS

Astronomical Society of WA

Formed in 1950, ASWA offers members monthly meetings (8 pm 2nd Mondays except January) with guest speakers, classes 7 pm preceding the meeting, monthly Club Nights (7 – 10 pm 4th Mondays except January). Monthly - dark sky site viewing, lunar study and viewing, astrophotography and planetary nights, loan instruments, extensive lending library, a bi-monthly journal with international and Society news, free members only email newsgroup, AstroCamps at least twice yearly at very dark sky sites. ASWA strives to promote and popularise astronomy as both a modern-day science and an exciting and rewarding hobby. Where possible, speakers and viewing nights for schools and community groups can be provided. Meetings and Club Nights are held at South Perth Bridge Club, cnr Barker Rd & Brittain St, Como.

Fees

Ordinary Member: \$20 nomination \$50 subscription
 Associate Member: \$15 nomination \$30 subscription
 Junior Member (<18): \$15 nomination \$20 subscription
Approx. 20% discount for Country Members

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Astronomical Group of Western Australia (AGWA)

AGWA was formed to provide activity and networking for amateur astronomers and people interested in the wonders of the night sky, with or without their own telescopes. Activities throughout the year include: Field trips, seminars by noted astronomers, workshops and special events and an Annual Astro-Fest. The group meets at 7pm on the first Tuesday of every month at 159A Scarborough Beach Rd, Mt Hawthorn. Everybody is welcome to attend the meetings. AGWA is proudly sponsored by Binocular, Telescope and Optical World.

Phone: (08) 9201 0895
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Astronomical Society of the South West (Inc)

Membership is open to anyone interested in basic astronomy. Observing nights at their observatory south of Bunbury on the two Fridays before the new moon. There is an active junior group that meets twice monthly. Astronomy camps in good cottage accommodation are held during the year at dark sky sites. Other observing at nearby dark sky sites occurs on an informal basis. A six evening's astronomy course for beginners is conducted each year in March/April. Nights for the general public are held during school holidays on three occasions through the year. Community groups are welcome to book for special nights.

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Murdoch Astronomical Society

The Murdoch Astronomical Society merged with the Astronomical Society of Western Australia in March 2004. If you would like to know more about current activities at the Murdoch Observatory please contact the Astronomical Society of Western Australia (see entry above).

Perth Observatory Volunteer Group Inc.

Perth Observatory is keen to get the public more involved in its activities. One way to directly participate and assist is to join our Volunteer Group that has been running since 1996. Currently about 30 people assist the Observatory in its activities and contribute the equivalent of one extra full-time staff member. Recently, the Observatory's Volunteer Group has become incorporated with the aim to obtain funding from external sources in order to further their work.

Furthermore, the fine activities and achievements of the Volunteer Group were formally recognised in 2001 with the award of \$1,000 by the National Australia Bank CommunityLink Programme. Only 109 of the 2,703 nominations (Australia-wide) won awards, and the Perth Observatory Volunteers Group was the only **highly recommended** winner in the Recreation category. They were also awarded a \$3,600 International Year of the Volunteer grant from the Commonwealth Department of Family and Community. Apparently 17,000 organisations applied; 2,835 were successful and only 263 of those successful were based in WA. Most notably, they were also awarded a \$15,000 grant from the Lotteries Commission Gordon Reid fund in order obtain equipment that would assist integrate disabled people into The Observatory's Star Viewing Night programme.

Current projects involve:

- assisting permanent staff with the public star viewing sessions,
- archiving and preserving historical documents
- rearranging the library, inputting the library database onto computer
- assisting at open days.

Those interested should send a written application to the Perth Observatory Director and Volunteer Coordinator, Dr James Biggs. The applicant should outline:

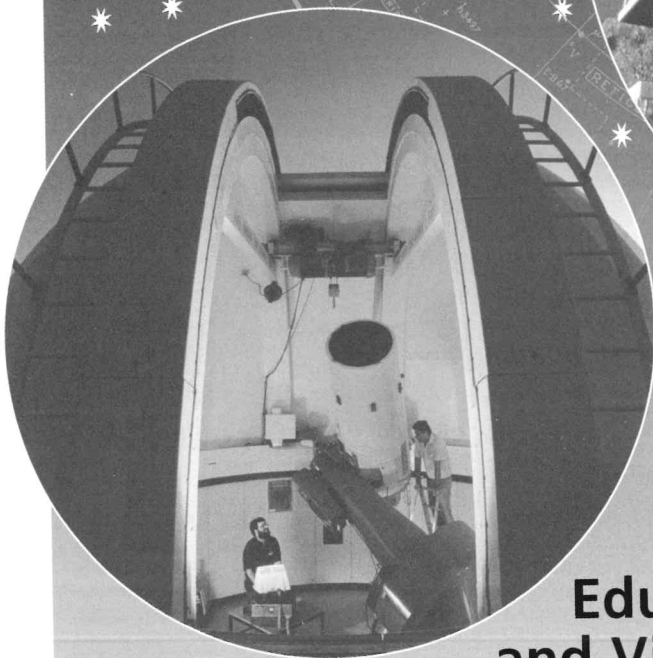
- why they wish to become part of the program,
- what skills, qualifications or experience they possess,
- what realistic amount of time they can contribute, and
- anything else that they think is relevant.

Please note that the qualification requirement is not really very stringent - what is really important is simply the desire to assist the Perth Observatory. Interviews are conducted with applicants shortlisted from their written applications around September most years. Vast astronomical knowledge is not required as successful applicants are trained for the project (or projects) in which they wish to participate. Furthermore, ongoing training is provided at the monthly Volunteer Group meeting and as required.

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ASTRONOMY ALMANAC

Inside this almanac you'll find a wealth of astronomical information, all designed and tabulated for use right here in Western Australia!

Monthly sections:

Highlights and Events Diary

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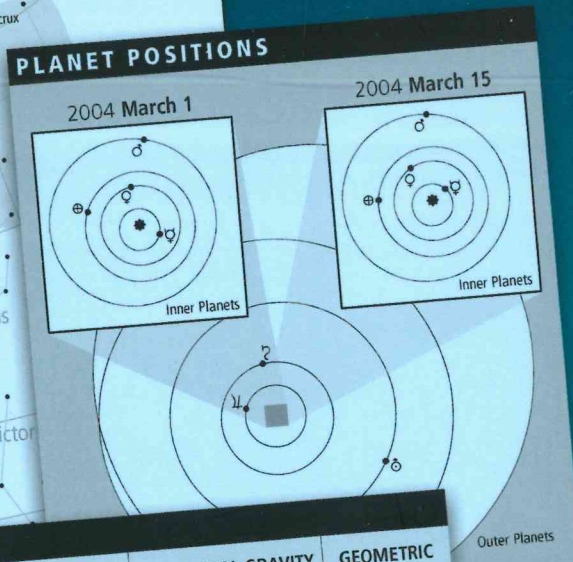
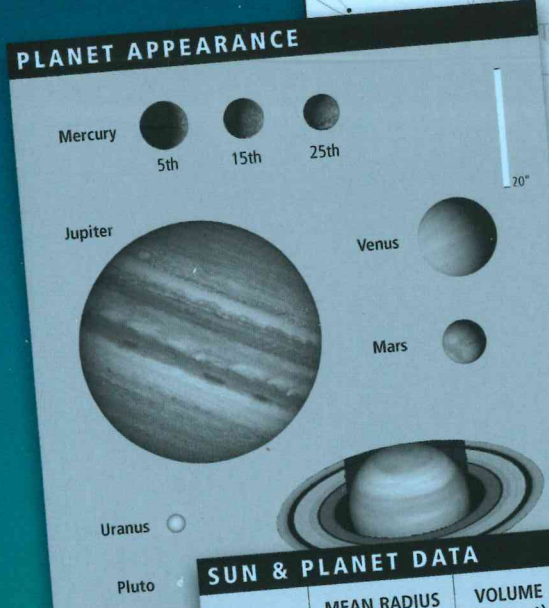
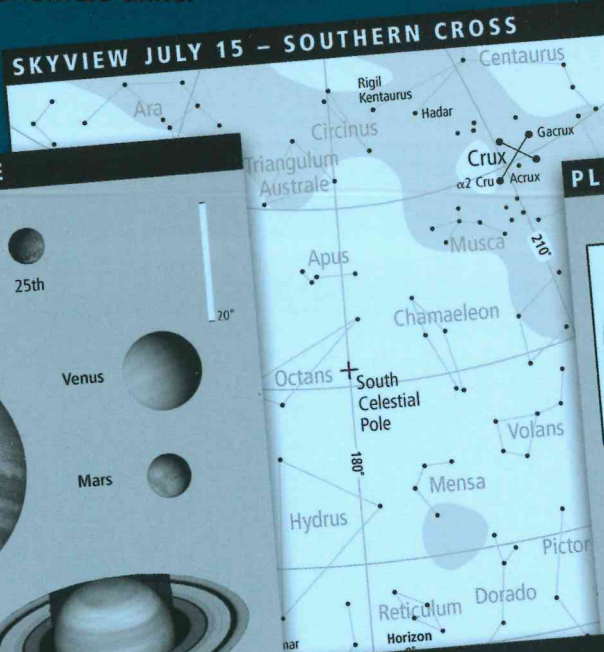
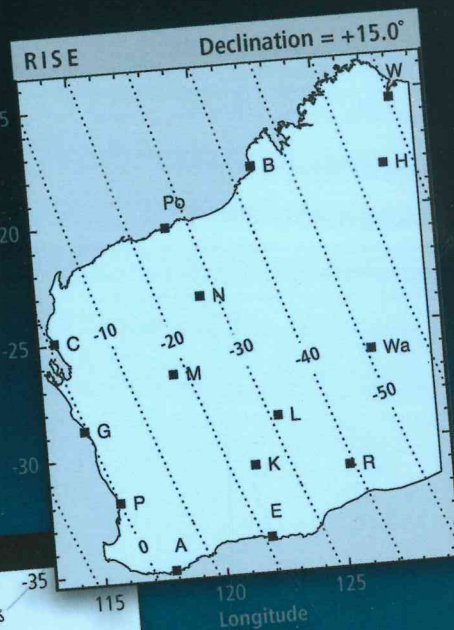
Jupiter Events and Satellite Configuration Data • Skyviews

Supplementary sections include:

Solar System Information • Stars & Non-Stellar Objects

Background & General Information

This almanac is a useful resource for all budding and experienced astronomers alike.



NAME	MEAN RADIUS (kilometres)	VOLUME (Earth =1)	FLATTENING (Earth =1)	MASS (x 10 ²³ kg)	DENSITY (g/cm ³)	EQUATORIAL GRAVITY (m/s ²)	GEOMETRIC ALBEDO
Sun	696265	1305000	0	19890850	1.407	3.701	0.106
Mercury	2440 ±1	0.056	0	3.302	5.427	8.87	0.65
Venus	6051.84 ±0.01	0.857	0.00335364	59.736	5.204	9.780327	0.367
Earth	6371.01 ±0.02	1	0.006476	6.4185	5.515	3.69	0.52
Mars	3389.92 ±0.04	0.151	0.064874	18986	3.9335 ±0.0004	23.12 ±0.01	0.47
	69911 ±6	1321	0.097962	5684.6	1.326	8.96 ±0.01	0.51
					0.6873	8.69 ±0.01	0.41
					1.318		

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